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The Sun Talks to Bob Slimmon

Turnover Cripples Planning; Director Under Fire

By Stan Hall

Even the director of the Monterey County Planning Department expresses exasperation at the way it is operating these days: "I call our office, and all I get is a damn busy signal," he said.

Robert Slimmon, Jr., said problems in the powerful department which he has headed for seven years are "strictly due to staff shortages. Our system, when we have sufficient people, is good and will work."

Some critics are not so sure. Many of them tend to blame Slimmon's management of the department for contributing to both the shortage of trained planners and its overall inefficiency—with staff shortages contributing to inefficiency and vice versa.

Said one elected official: "Don't quote me, but the trouble with the Planning Department is that the turnover has been at the bottom, not the top."

Still even some of Slimmon's harshest critics also concede he may be mainly a victim of the political system and county organization in which he must operate.

Many people asked about Slimmon and his department chose not to speak on the record—especially those with frequent business before it. The Planning Department is one of the most powerful agencies in the County bureaucracy. Projects ranging from a new backyard fence in the coastal zone, to routine building permits and controversial multimillion dollar development proposals all have to pass through it.

As the frequent locus of the growth-no growth argument in the County, the Planning Department is in the direct line of political fire. Continuing population growth in the state and pressure for development spilling down from areas such as Silicon Valley understandably put it in the middle of many controversial decisions.

Yet, developers and environmentalists alike complain that projects take months to get through the planning process, planners are not readily accessible to help them, telephone calls go unreturned and plans even have been lost by the department.

Beyond that, there seems to be a fairly widespread public perception that the planning

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WORKMAN DASHES clear of water spurting from a new deep well in the Mal Paso area during its development. See story on page 26. *Photo by Leland Lewis*

From Odello Project

Strong, Clear No Growth Message From Highlands

By Isabelle Hall

On the very day that plans for a $125 million hotel and housing development opposite Point Lobos were announced, the long-pending Odello Ranch development proposal was turned down by the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee.

The message was clear: congestion on Highway 1 is too severe and water concerns are too great for major new development south of the Carmel River Bridge, at least at this time.

The committee, hearing the proposal by Bruno Odello and his sister-in-law, Bruna Odello, for the second time voted 5-0 against it with one abstention. The vote is a recommendation only, and is not binding.

Despite the vote, most of the members expressed sympathy for the family which has been seeking approval for a residential-commercial development on their artichoke fields since 1962. The plan to develop 76 residential lots and a commercial center with a restaurant, farmer's market, grange hall and visitors' center now goes to the Subdivision Committee and then the Planning Commission.

In airing their concerns, committee members referred to proposals in the works for the two large parcels of undeveloped land south of the Odello Farm and opposite picturesque Point Lobos State Reserve.

"I don't want the Odellos to think we're singling them out," said Richard Stokes. "I'll take the same approach to the Point Lobos proposal—which is big—and any others that come along."

Members were unaware at the July 2 hearing that a group called Jose-Gibson Associates and Rancho San Jose Associates/Whisler had unveiled its proposal that day for the 1,700-acre parcel comprised of the Hudson and Riley Ranches. One of the principals is Paul E. Davis, a director of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management Board. In addition to him the partnership proposing the development includes hotel owner Ted Richter and members of the Whisler and Hudson families.

Although the final EIR on the Odello project states that it will actually result in a net water savings because the project would require less water than the artichokes, the advisory committee was clearly not convinced. The Odellos stressed that the project encompassed a flood relief program which could prevent serious problems in the heavily developed area on the north side of Carmel River.

"We're playing Russian roulette," Bruna Odello added. "We could be Ohio next year...with floods. When you're weighing our project, weigh the total picture of what's being given to the community for the health and welfare of the people. You all know there's going to be other projects approved on the Peninsula."

The EIR also said the projected increase of 2,815 trips per day on Highway 1 south of Rio Road would be handled by the Hatton Canyon Freeway and associated improvements.

"Twelve public agencies have expressed concern about the traffic," said Elaine Gloodt. "They say the analysis did not include peak tourist weekends."

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Title 21 Group Sets Public Hearing Thursday

Valley citizens will have a chance to have their say on the proposed Title 21 county zoning ordinance on Thursday—whether they think it infringes too much on their property rights, or doesn't go far enough in protecting the area.

A regional subcommittee of the citizens' advisory group reviewing Title 21 will hold a public hearing at Mid Valley Fire Department, and a spokeswoman said anyone with concerns about the new ordinance is invited to attend.

The subcommittee was appointed at the last full meeting of the committee in Salinas on June 28. It is one of three established at that time to help make recommendations to the supervisors on how the ordinance might be modified. The subcommittee meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Title 21, a 300-page document, was drafted by the Planning Department to reflect the county general plan, which was adopted in 1982, and any regional plans

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LETTERS

Hatton Canyon Again

We need the highway through Hatton Canyon, and we need it now!

The idea of spending $100,000 for new engineering and environmental studies in order to widen Highway 1 seems ridiculous. The Hatton Canyon Project has been on the books since before I moved here 30 years ago. The studies have considered every aspect of the problem and the Hatton Canyon highway is the only real solution.

Widening Highway 1 will not ease the traffic problem, unless combined with major changes at the Carmel Valley Road. At present, the intersection of Highway 1 with the Carmel Valley Road is a terrible bottleneck. What is needed is an overpass allowing southbound traffic to reach Carmel Valley without crossing the northbound lane of traffic. Of course, this would need to be combined with the removal of the traffic light at Rancho Boulevard. There might be some problem with visual impact.

To sum up, only the Hatton Canyon Highway makes any sense to me as a solution to the traffic problem we have now and which will only get worse.

Raymond L. Kelly
Carmel

Dreadful Hatton Plans

In a back issue of the Carmel Valley Sun, engineer Thomas Pollock of Caltrans made a heroic effort at clarifying the dreadful plans for a totally inappropriate super highway through Hatton Canyon.

However, the net result was only to highlight the ghastly, convoluted thinking of an engineering mind, whose vision is clouded with the sole aim of speed and volume of traffic and bulldozing and blasting across the country, entranced by giganticism of size and the prodigal squandering of federal largess.

The study assumes that freeway demand must be met, but points out in effect that it can never be met. Freeways do have their place, though not in parks, along waterfronts, in wilderness areas, on prime agricultural soil or in this area.

Of course, the major proponents of the proposition are the usual assorted potent contractors, construction unions and political leaders.

Meanwhile, environmental despoliation, pollution and the compounding of carbon dioxide emissions all seem to be ignored. We proceed as though we are somehow excused from responsibility for this problem. We behave as if there were nothing wrong, no danger, no urgency. Such arrogance, such ignorance, such madness.

But now with the dawning of a new era, things have begun to change. More and more people are coming to understand that the predominant concerns of our time are the environment and preservation. The era of wanton development and highway and military overkill is over.

Were it not for a handful of nature lovers, environmentalists and other rare citizens with vision and common sense, this calamity would long since have made a shambles of the little that remains of the peninsula.

The equation can be disarmingly simple if we wish it to be. So let us give up the pipe dreams and get on with the widening of Highway 1 for the remaining seven-tenths of a mile from the high school football field to Carmel Valley Road.

Robert Bassett
Carmel Valley

Odello Public Review

The Odello final EIR is out for public review. The artichoke field to the south of the Carmel River bridge on the east side of Highway 1 may be developed. Proposed is: 76 new lots of record, two apartment-like buildings totaling 14 units for inclusionary housing, replacement of the six red farm labor housing units with a single structure that will share common living and kitchen facilities, and 23,339 square feet of new commercial space. Commercial space is currently allocated to a restaurant, farmer's market, visitors center, grange hall and administration center.

Do you believe that with the rents being charged today that the future or even current owners are going to be content with having 8,640 square feet of commercial shopping center type space in a grange hall and visitors center? However pure the Odellos' intentions, they may at some future date find it in their best interests to sell the project. The new owners may only have making a profit in mind and want to convert these spaces to a more profitable usage. Once the buildings are built we have to expect this to happen.

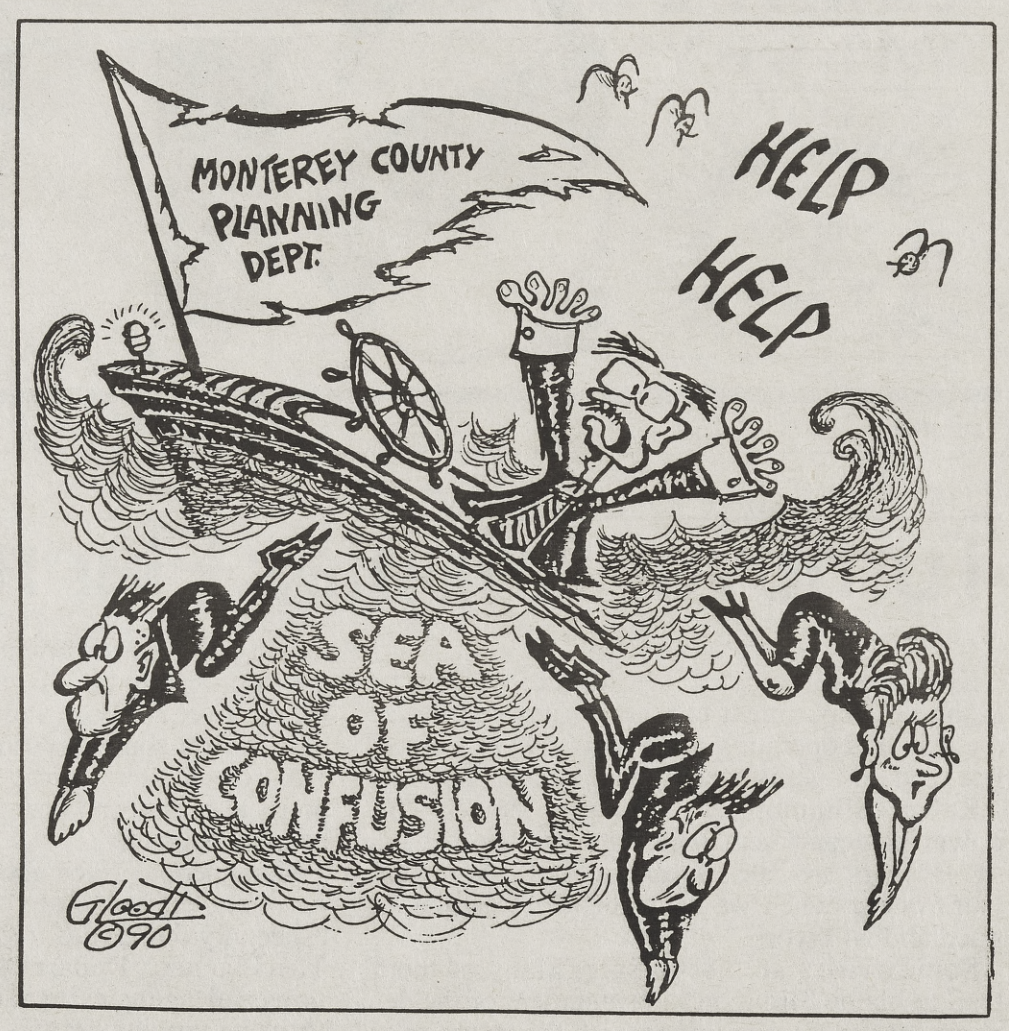
Traffic is a major problem addressed in the EIR. Based on their own studies the traffic will be increased by over 21 percent. Driving north on Highway 1 during peak tourist season you often find stop and go traffic already. Their primary mitigation for the increased traffic is the Hatton Canyon Freeway. Who knows when or if it is going to be built. In the meantime here we go overburdening our limited resources again. If you have a view on this issue please contact your county supervisors. They do care about your opinions.

Thomas Roffman
Carmel.

Thanks to Volunteers

Thank you Carmel Valley Fire Department and Volunteers and your ambulance. My sister, Linda, was in a car accident, and it was all of you who helped her. Special thank you to Charlie and Pat. We are so grateful. Thanks aren't enough.

Kelly Hardisty
and Family
Carmel Valley



Sewer Needs Extension

If, and when, the four-lane Carmel Valley Road is extended from Via Petra to Robinson Canyon Road, all residents, homeowners and property owners should make certain that the sewer is also extended from Via Petra to Robinson Canyon.

With labor and equipment on the job for the roadwork, it would be unconscionable not to extend the sewer at the same time.

It should be noted that there are those who feel that the extension of the sewer is more important than the extension of the road.

The Carmel Valley Property Owners Association should take the lead in this extremely important issue.

D.E. Ruse
Carmel Valley

No Access to Paramedics

As a recent arrival to the Carmel Valley area, I was amazed to discover that the Carmel area did not have access to paramedics in medical emergencies. There seems to be a misconception on the type of service the residents receive under the current amblulance system.

If you, as a Carmel Valley resident, have a heart attack or one of your children are involved in an accident right now, only limited treatment can be provided by the emergency medical technicians on the ambulances. By limited treatment, I mean that only transport, oxygen and immobilization can be provided. No medications can be given to ease your chest pain, no IV's can be started to replace fluid loss, your heart cannot be monitored and arrhythmias cannot be treated. With the advent of paramedics these procedures and more will be available.

The supposedly "outrageous" cost of the system (letter from G. Matthews, June 27 issue) has been greatly exaggerated by those people ignorant of prehospital care and its importance. In the City of Salinas, where the average income is significantly lower, the citizens have been billed for ambulance service for years. This is true throughout most of the country. Why people in an area significantly wealthier overall feel they need "free" ambulance service is beyond me, especially since it means a level of care most communities would find unacceptable. This antiquated attitude needs to be replaced by a more progressive approach to emergency patient care. Helicopters do not treat patients, and do not offer any type of solution.

As a paramedic for many years, I have found most people unaware that there is a difference in the level of service in ambulances. Most people seem to believe that anyone that works on an ambulance is a paramedic. In the Carmel Valley area this is not yet true. The people that are presently serving as emergency medical technicians to the community have done an extraordinary job, but the people of Carmel Valley deserve the best medical care available. We should demand a paramedic-staffed ambulance system as soon as possible.

Michael Kinkade
Carmel Valley

Limit Rancho San Carlos

As a Carmel Valley resident for the past twelve years, I do not want to see the basic character of Carmel Valley change because the San Francisco based developers of Rancho San Carlos wish to make money. Of course, out-of-town people have a right to develop land that they own, and a right to earn a living, but not the right to do this at a cost to the local community. Since some development is inevitable, the question becomes, "How can we minimize the impact that their business development places on Carmel Valley"?

One clear solution is to limit their development to the wide canyon around Rancho San Carlos Road from Quail Lodge to the top of the ridge. This would accomplish several things:

1. Insure that traffic was routed to the mouth of Carmel Valley where Carmel Valley road is already four lanes. It would keep additional congestion from traffic, support services and development out of mid Carmel Valley.

2. It would preserve the beauty of Rancho San Carlos along Robinson Canyon Road, and the valley where the old Ranch House and farm pond exist. Robinson Canyon Road has been enjoyed by local residents for years as a scenic getaway. In the spring, some of the best wildflower viewing on the Monterey Peninsula may be found on Robinson Canyon. Robinson Canyon has been used increasingly for recreational purposes by joggers, cyclists, walkers, bird-watchers, and those simply wanting a scenic drive up the closest redwood canyon to Carmel.

Let's keep the development of Rancho San Carlos confined to Rancho San Carlos Road, and minimize the impact to Carmel Valley residents. Let's "Keep Robinson Canyon Recreational" and undeveloped, as well as the upper valley with the old ranch house.

Thomas R. Bishop
Carmel Valley

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Seeking Lower Health Care Costs

CUSD Abandons County Health Insurance Program

By Carolyn Rice

Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) has pulled out of the Monterey County joint health insurance program in hopes of saving up to $200,000 during the 1990-91 school year.

Superintendent Robert Infelise said that when the district joined the Monterey County School Insurance Group it was cost effective, but that premiums have gone up 100 percent in four years.

"Four years ago, our contribution was $600,000," Infelise said. "This year costs would have increased to $1.2 million."

Just under 350 present school district employees and retirees are covered by the insurance.

Infelise said the district has contracted with Great Western Insurance to provide its medical coverage for the coming school year. The school district will set aside $1.2 million to pay health expenses, but hopes not to spend all of it

The district has insured itself with Great Western to pay any claims above $858,000 under a "stop loss" clause. The district will pay Great Western $225,000 for a management fee and the "stop loss" coverage. Under the agreement, the insurance company will pay claims up to $858,000 out of district funds. After that, it will have to pay any additional claims from its own funds.

Infelise explained that if costs do go to $858,000, that amount plus the $225,000 adds up to $1,083,000. That would mean an immediate savings of $117,000 for the district, compared to what it would have had to pay to stay in the county insurance pool, he said.

But he said he thinks that health claims will total less than $858,000, giving the district even more savings. The district had claims of $795,000 last year.

Infelise said that Carmel health care claims have been lower than other area school districts, and the CUSD hopes to implement a wellness program so that they will remain low.

He added that the district considered putting a $250 deductible into the health insurance program which would require employees to pay the first $250 of their health costs each year. The insurance company could offer the district a better deal if a deductible were part of the package.

"We really did not want to do that," Infelise said. "It is not our employees' fault that health costs have increased so much."

The policy with Great Western does not cover vision or dental claims. A separate policy covering those benefits costs the district an additional $300,000.

All told, Carmel's total insurance program for medical, dental and vision coverage will eat up approximately 13 percent of its proposed $11.5 million budget for the 1990-91 school year.

"I think this (health insurance) is a major problem which is confronting agencies like ours and will become even more so in the next three or four years," Infelise said. He said that health insurance cost less than 5 percent of the budget 10 years ago.

The district is looking into making arrangements with "preferred providers." With this program, they would negotiate with certain doctors to provide health care for all the CUSD employees in return for a discount in charges.

Infelise said this plan might interest a doctor with a busy practice who wants to expand to the point that he could acquire a partner.

RESIDENTS ENJOYING THE Cachagua Country Faire were drawn to the barbecue. Held at the Cachagua Community Center, the event attracted an estimated 1,200-1,500 people on July 7. They enjoyed sports, games, music, arts and crafts booths, and, of course, good things to eat. The faire took in some $8,700, and profits will go to benefit the Community Center, volunteer fire department and the area homeowner group. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

Cachagua Fair Draws Crowds

The first Cachagua Country Faire fundraiser July 7 was a huge success, according to Ana Iverson-Cox, president of the Cachagua Property Owners Association.

"We haven't paid all our bills yet but we took in about $8,900, " she said. "We had somewhere between 1,200 and 1,500 people."

Proceeds from the fundraiser, the first to be held at the new Cachagua Community Center adjacent to Prince's Camp, will be split between the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Company, the community center and the property owners.

Iverson-Cox said the group plans two to three such fundraisers annually with the next one on Labor Day.

Events Saturday ranged from a pancake breakfast to a moonlight dance and included live music, a barbecue, softball, volleyball, horseshoes, an auction, bake sale, games and races and arts and crafts booths.

C.V. Parks Board Meets on Budget

The Board of directors of the Carmel Valley Recreation & Park District will approve its 1990-91 budget July 11 at a public meeting at the Activities House, 25 Ford Road.

Treasurer Chuck Mckay said the budget projects $81,000 of income, approximately $72,000 of which will be earmarked for projects, capital outlays and maintenance. The public is invited to the 7 p.m. meeting.

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The first condition of lasting happiness is that a life should be full of purpose, aiming at some thing outside self. —Hugh Black

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SHERIFF'S LOG

CARMEL RANCHO. The UNOCAL station reported a motorists skipped out without paying a $10 gas charge. 6/21

VILLAGE. The Carmel Valley Spa reported a woman left without paying for a massage and pool charges. 6/22.

LAURELES GRADE. A man reported a trailer parked at a construction site on La Rancheria had been burglarized. 6/24.

Handicap Permit Lifted

HACIENDA CARMEL. A woman reported her handicapped parking permit had been stolen from her parked car. 6/25.

CARMEL RANCHO. An office was broken into overnight and a fax, telephone and other items stolen. 6/26.

VILLAGE. A woman who lives on Esquiline reported someone was sleeping in her house trailer without authorization. 6/27.

GARLAND PARK. Employes two men were shooting a .22 rifle in the northeast corner of the park. 6/27.

VILLAGE. A woman reported that her leather jacket was stolen from the back of a motorcycle while it was parked outside the Running Iron. 6/27.

CARMEL RANCHO. Doors were found unlocked at the Prudential Bache office, but nothing was amiss. 6/27.

CACHAGUA. A man asked deputies to help remove 50 sticks of dynamite from his property. 6/28.

Firecrackers Thrown

VILLAGE. Employes of Gardiner's Tennis Ranch reported juveniles were throwing firecrackers into the compound. 6/29.

RIO ROAD. A Pacific Grove man was cut by a beer bottle in a fight behind Cancun Restaurant. His assailant was gone when deputies arrived. 6/29.

RIO ROAD. Two mountain bikes were reported stolen from the back of a pickup parked in a resident's driveway. 6/30.

VILLAGE. A woman reported the window of her car was broken out while it was parked near her residence on Esquiline. 6/30.

CARMEL RANCHO. The door was discovered unlocked at Anna Beck Antiques; when deputies couldn't locate the owner or employes, they asked a locksmith to secure the building. 7/1.

Dog Attacks Pig

CACHAGUA. A woman reported a pig belonging to her had to be killed after it was attacked by her neighbor's dog. 7/1.

VILLAGE. Three young Carmel Valley girls found hiding in the bushes on Flight Road were returned to their parents. 7/1.

HIGHWAY 1. A census taker reported a man in Carmel Knolls pointed a gun at him and told him to get off his property. 7/3.

Shoot at Deer

CACHAGUA. A resident reported seeing someone in a black pickup pull off Carmel Valley Road and shoot at deer in a Rana Creek Ranch pasture. 7/3.

RIO ROAD. A Safeway employe reported a man tried to steal packages of meat. He fled in a blue-gray Cadillac with the same Texas license plate that had been reported involved earlier in a burglary attempt at Mid Valley Safeway. 7/3.

VILLAGE. A visitor reported the theft of her Swiss bank card, a 50 franc Swiss note and other items from her room at Carmel Valley Inn. 7/4.

MID VALLEY. A man reported someone tried to break into his trailer on Robinson Canyon Road. 7/5.

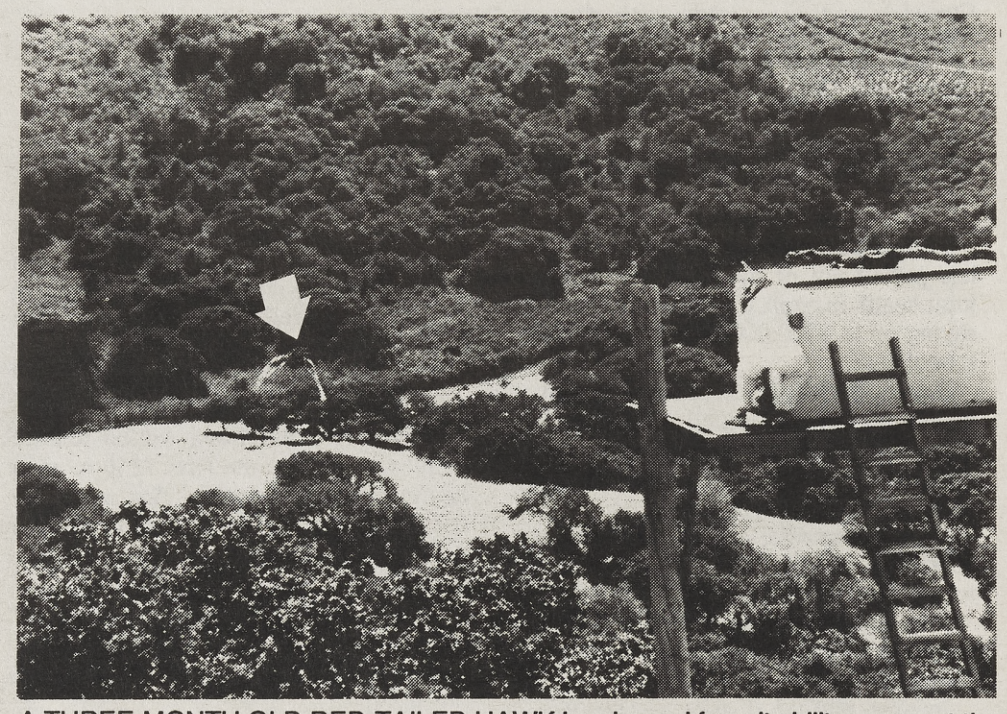
Bach Festival Needs Ushers

Organizers of the Carmel Bach Festival have put out a call for volunteers to serve as ushers during its run at Carmel's Sunset Center from July 16 through Aug. 5.

Acting director Marion D. Engstrom said ushers were needed for afternoon recitals at 2:30 p.m. and evening concerts at 8. The opera begins at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday Mass starts at 3 p.m.

Ushers are not compensated, but do get to hear the performances they work.

For information, call 624-1521.



A THREE-MONTH OLD RED-TAILED HAWK is released from its hilltop cage at the SPCA Wildlife Center by Supervisor Melissa Mill. The hawk is barely visible to the left against the trees as it waits for an updraft. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

SPCA Frees Wild Birds

Seven red-tailed hawks, four kestrels and several songbirds raised as orphans at the SPCA Wildlife Center were set free July 8.

The center staged a "wildlife event" as a fundraiser, inviting people who had rescued the birds and the local media to take part or watch as the birds were released in a fundraiser.

The smaller birds disappeared so fast they were just a blur, but the three-month old hawks were spectacular to watch as they left their hilltop cage for good, circling until they picked up a stream of air. About 80 people watched.

Beverly Pini of Watsonville found three baby kestrels in her yard and called the wildlife center. "We caught them in our hands and put them in the laundry basket until they could come and get them. I think they had just tried to fly too soon," she said.

Jeremiah Vernon, 14 of Salinas, donned leather gloves so he could free one of the kestrels. Vernon is a summer volunteer who said he comes almost very day to "feed the dogs and cats and the birds." He wants to be a veterinarian.

The hawks are kept in cages mounted high atop poles in the ground on the highest ridge overlooking the 220-acre SPCA of Monterey grounds on Highway 68. They are fed over a three-month period during which they are released at regular intervals but can always return to the "nest" until the center feels they can be set free and fend for themselves.

Fiesta 10-K Race Volunteers Needed

Organizers of the Carmel Valley Fiesta are looking for volunteers to help stage the10 kilometer race to be held on Sunday, Aug. 12.

Some 20 people are needed, and about four hours of time will be required, serving as registrars and marshals.To volunteer or to obtain more information, telephone race organizer Scott Fenton at 624-6764.

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Council Approves Seeking County Ambulance Loan, But Rejects Proposed Carmel Valley Delay

By Stan Hall

A regional council has approved asking the County for a loan to cover start-up costs for a new agency to bring paramedic-staffed ambulance service to the Carmel, Carmel Valley Big Sur region.

But it decided against delaying the stationing of a full-time ambulance in Carmel Valley to try to reduce the amount of County money needed.

"This is an example of the tough choices you have to make when you start up a system that won't pay for itself," said Chief Bob Heald of the Carmel Valley Fire Department as the council wrestled with the increased costs of putting paramedics on ambulances to replace firemen trained in Basic Life Support (BLS).

At the meeting of the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur Emergency Medical Services Regional Council on June 27, members approved asking the County to loan about $120,000 to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to cover start-up and cash-flow shortages expected in its first year of operation.

In addition to the loan, the JPA is seeking a subsidy from County Measure A funds of about $280,000, most of which will be used to place a full-time paramedic ambulance in Big Sur.

The JPA is trying to upgrade medical care on ambulances to paramedic or Advanced Life Support (ALS) in the region while keeping emergency ambulances under control of local fire departments. Members of the JPA are Carmel, Carmel Valley and Mid Valley Fire Departments, but the JPA, assuming it goes forward, will also oversee ALS ambulance operation in Cachagua, Big Sur, Carmel Highlands and County Service Areas 39 and 43.

In a countywide vote, Measure A was approved in 1988, stipulating that ambulance service should be upgraded to ALS status. The measure provided for a special per-parcel tax to subsidize upgraded service, but not enough money is collected to cover all the increased costs.

The alternative to having the JPA run the ALS ambulance service is for the county to contract it out to private firms, which it has done in all other regions of the county. But firemen fear that going to private ambulances would over time undermine the active volunteer fire departments that are traditional in this region.

Members of the JPA earlier agreed to delay putting a paramedic-staffed ambulance in Carmel Valley until March, but the regional council said the Carmel Valley ALS unit should come on stream Sept. 1.

That would be the same start-up date as an ALS ambulance in Carmel. The third ALS ambulance for the region would be stationed in Big Sur by Jan. 1 under the plan approved by the regional council.

Chief Bill Hill of Carmel Fire Department, whose ALS ambulance would have had to cover Carmel Valley all the way to Cachagua for six months under the JPA's plan, led the move not to delay a Carmel Valley ALS ambulance.

"Let's go for two full-time ALS units (on Sept. 1) take it to the Executive Committee and see if we can't get it approved," Hill said in moving to amend that part of the JPA plan.

His motion was approved unanimously, members being told that putting the Carmel Valley ALS ambulance in service Sept. 1 would add about $20,000 to the JPA's first-year operating costs.

George Murphy of Pebble Beach then moved that the regional council ask the Executive Committee to seek a loan from the County Emergency Medical Services Agency. Seconded by Hill, his motion also was approved unanimously.

Hill's effort not to delay a Carmel Valley ambulance was backed by Carmel Councilman Bob Fischer. On the question of trying to obtain the loan, Fischer also said he thought he could get a letter from the Carmel City Council endorsing the idea, "and I hope it would have some influence."

In other business, the regional council elected Pat Dowd of Carmel Valley to be its new chairman, replacing Gene Erner of Mid Valley. The post is rotated among council members. Hill was named vice chairman, and Heald was appointed the council's representative to Emergency Medical Services Comittee. That committee is made up of fire department, private ambulance service and hospital representatives.

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Bob Slimmon—Controversy Puts Him on the Hot Seat

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process is not fair to all who have to go through it. For instance, a Carmel Valley Village businessman, in dead seriousness, told the *Sun:*

"If you really want to get something done, all you have to do is hire Tony Lombardo (a land use lawyer with a Salinas firm). You don't have to go before the advisory committee—that's just a waste of time. You don't even have to go before the Planning Commission. If it's controversial, it'll go to the board of supervisors anyway, and if you've hired Tony Lombardo, chances are you'll get what you want."

The businessman added that Lombardo's legal fees for getting a private home construction project through the planning process probably wouldn't be more than about $10,000.

Other criticism centers on whether the Planning Department is aggressive enough about going after violators of zoning and land-use restrictions. Environmentalists are particularly upset at what they see as the department's timidity in bringing action in major violations, such as the miles of roads that John A. Murphy allegedly graded illegally on his ranch along the Big Sur coast.

Some critics also say that the department sometimes strays from its own rules and state guidelines in deciding land-use issues. Richard Rosenthal, a Carmel Valley lawyer, has challenged the county in several suits, claiming it ignored the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

"Thank goodness for CEQA," he told the *Sun*. "It is designed to require informed decision-making and make politicians accountable for their decisions. I can't believe Ronald Reagan (as governor) signed it."

Planning is one of four units under Slimmon, 58 and a 35-year veteran of the department come Sept. 1. The others are zoning enforcement, building inspection and a support group which includes clerks, computer operators and graphic artists. The entire department is now authorized to have 84 people, 31 of them in planning, although the organizational lines in the department are blurry, especially between planning and zoning enforcement.

In planning alone, eight positions were vacant as of July 2, including supervising planners for two of the four teams into which planning is

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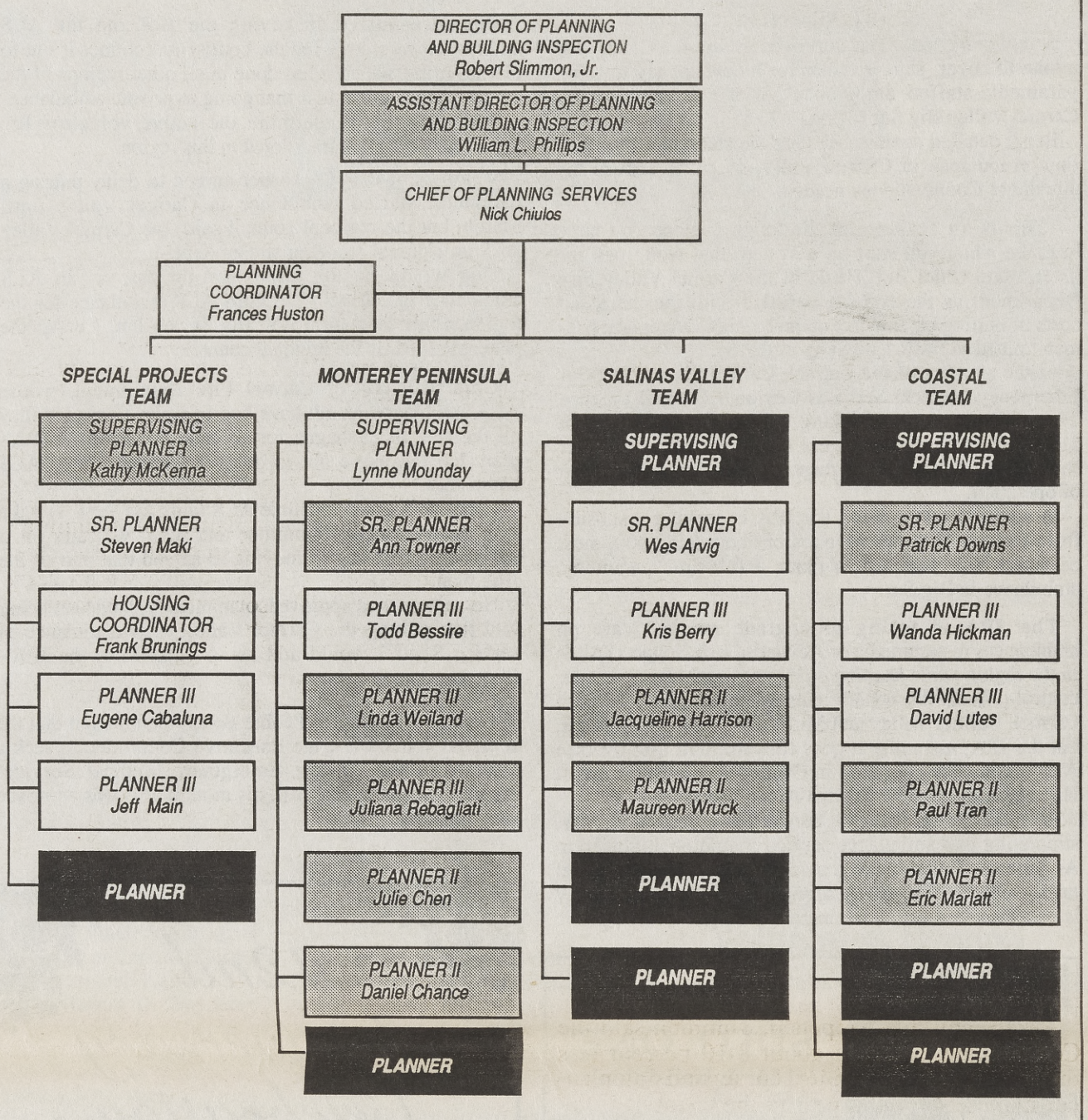
MONTEREY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



VACANCIES AND NEW HIRES on the Monterey County Planning Department Staff are shown on this organizational chart. The black spaces indicate vacancies, and the grey ones indicate staff members who have been newly hired since October. A high turnover rate is blamed for inefficiency in the department, one of the most powerful in the County bureaucracy. Robert Slimmon. Jr., director of Planning and Building Inspection, also has three other groups reporting to him—zoning enforcement, building inspection and special services.

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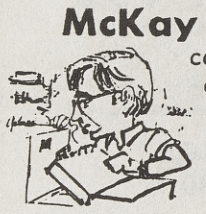

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Critics: Slimmon Is Too Busy Working in Planning to Run It

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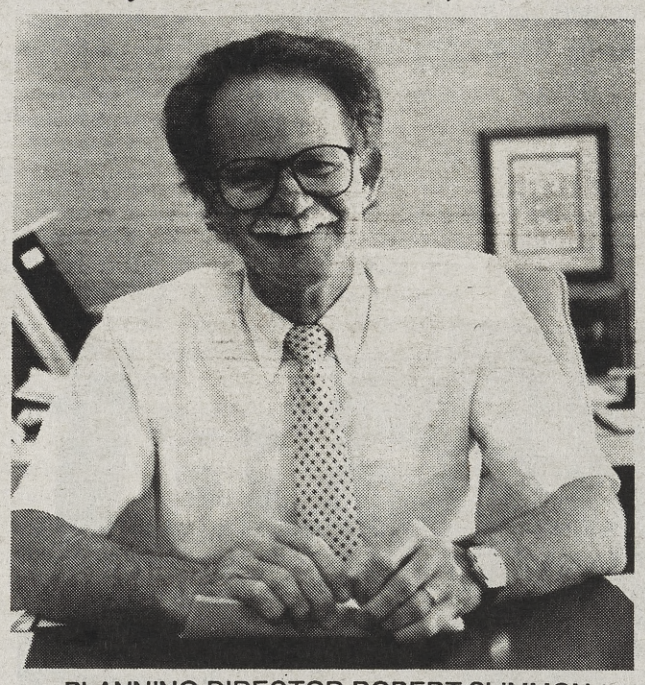
divided—Coastal, Monterey Peninsula, Salinas Valley and Special Projects. The Coastal and Salinas Valley supervising positions were the empty ones.

The number of vacancies alone do not tell the full story of the frequent turnover. Of the 24 people presently on the staff, 11 are new to their jobs since October. "When a planner leaves, continuity is lost," Slimmon said, "and it makes



PLANNING DIRECTOR ROBERT SLIMMON

it hard for us to handle his or her projects effectively."

But he added: "Everybody's got the same problem with staff turnover. The nature of the planning profession is like that—people move a lot.

"We get...people recruiting our planners all the time. We've had a lot leave all at once. It just kind of snowballed."

Asked why that happened, Slimmon said the County pays planners about 8-10 percent less than surrounding counties. (A supervising planner makes $44,400 a year in the county.) Compounding the problem of lower salaries, Slimmon said is the high cost of living in the area compared to counties to the north and in the San Joaquin Valley.

He also said that planners trained in Monterey County are highly sought after by other planning departments because the complexity of its rules and regulations gave them wide-ranging experience. "We're an excellent training ground for other departments," he said.

At a four-hour retreat at Asilomar on Sunday, some 50 people from the planning staff, the Planning Commission, other county departments and the public got together to discuss the reasons why the planning staff has experienced a 60 percent turnover in the past eight months. Poor pay and working conditions, impossible workloads, incessant pressure and an ever increasing number of applications were all cited.

Privately, some of Slimmon's employes, past and present, also complain he is autocratic, a poor communicator and that he spends so much time actually working in the department, he doesn't have time to run it.

"Stepping over dollars to pick up dimes, that's what I call it," one of his current employes told the *Sun* privately. That same employe also said Slimmon tended to direct the staff to come up with the recommendations and findings he wanted, rather than letting information and decision-making flow from the bottom up.

Asked about that kind of criticism of Slimmon's performance, Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman said, "Everybody has their own (management) style."

She said she preferred to judge a department on results, not the style of its manager.

"Are you satisfied with the Planning Department's results?" she was then asked.

"No," she replied, "It's clear we're going to have to make major changes."

She said, however, that no one could consider the problems in the department or talk about solving them without also considering the County's new budget, which supervisors are scheduled to take up July 23. Only through the budget process, she said, can the department receive the staff, space and other resources it needs.

Asked about criticism of his management style, Slimmon conceded that he probably spent too much time working in the department and not enough managing it. "I'm trying to change," he said.

He added that it was difficult not to get involved in the day-to-day operation of the department since so many people who need help know him personally and call him directly.

Some observers, however, also note that Slimmon may be in a no-win situation, having to work directly for the board of supervisors and deal with its five members individually.

Drawing a parallel between the county and private business, Planning Commissioner Louis Calcagno, a dairyman from Moss Landing, told the retreat: "No corporation in the country would have five people running the show."

He suggested that the county's organization was at least partly to plame for planning's disarray, saying it needed to create a true chief executive officer's position which would carry out the board of supervisors' policy directions by directly overseeing department heads such as Slimmon. Under the county's present organization, the administrative officer really doesn't oversee the various departments.

The Planning Department has to deal with eight area plans, the Carmel Valley Master Plan, and four separate coastal plans—North County, Del Monte Forest, Carmel and Big Sur.

"The County is large and diverse," Slimmon said. The rules and regulations that cover it are "ultra complex. One planner couldn't possibly be conversant with all of it. That's why we organized into regional planning teams."

Slimmon provided statistics which showed that the department granted 2,949 building permits in

PROTECTING THE COAST against growing pressures for further development is one of the County Planning Department's responsibilities. An eight-member team of planners for the coast has three vacancies, three inexperienced people and a backlog of 264 discretionary permits. *Sun photo by Isabelle Hall*

1989, up from 2,444 in 1986. For the first half of 1990, it has issued 1,509. Building permits are granted administratively—they do not require public hearings.

Discretionary permits—those which are not automatically granted but may be after a public hearing—include such things as use permits, zoning variances and minor or major subdivision applications. The department approved 944 discretionary permits last year, up from 647 three years earlier. To date, it has issued 329 permits in 1990 which require public hearings.

The workload is clearly growing. So is the backlog. For instance, Slimmon said 675 discretionary permit projects are pending, compared with an average backlog of 134, and nearly 800 administrative permit applications are waiting to be processed.

At the retreat, Commissioner Gloria Moore suggested that maybe the Board of Supervisors should be willing to hang a closed sign on the Planning Department door until the backlog was cleared up.

No decisions were made at the retreat; it was called under conditions which prohibited them.

But Commission Chairman Jo Stallard said, "we're in desperate straits. Something's got to happen. This can't go on."

She and other commissioners said it was unfortunate that the commission would not be meeting again until after the supervisors take up a new budget.

Moore said that if the supervisors reject Slimmon's request for additional staff, "things are going to get worse."

But commissioners generally agreed that supervisors "expect business to go on as usual" even if they do not provide the department adequate resources for it to carry out its job.

"We've got to break the cycle we're in," said Commissioner Marit Evans.

As staff turnover accelerated earlier this year, Slimmon cut back on the hours the planning counter is open at the Salinas courthouse, cut staffing of the Monterey courthouse office from two days to one, and limited the hours during the day when planners will take calls.

At one point, the department suspended operation of the citizens' advisory committees, citing the lack of staff. But it restored their function after citizens from the Carmel Valley, Greater Carmel, Pebble Beach, Del Monte and Highlands-Bixby areas complained that public input would be cut off by such a move.

Despite these emergency measures, the resignations continued. Joel Panzer and senior planner Russ Lambert, among others, took jobs in private industry. Later, Sheila Delimont, supervising planner for the critical coastal team, tendered her resignation. She later told the Planning Commission that long hours, undesirable working conditions, constant staff turnover and the pressure of their jobs cause planners to burn out quickly.

"Physically, people cannot do what is expected of them. There are far too many projects assigned to each planner, plus the public contact..." she told commissioners.

A member of the Planning Commission told the *Sun* that crowded working conditions in the Salinas courthouse contribute to the stress on planners. A tour of the facility showed that planners work in tiny cubbyholes, usually piled high with stacks of plans and reports. The working spaces were created by shoulder-high partitions which provided little privacy or insulation from noise.

In a wide-ranging interview, Slimmon told the *Sun* he did intend to seek additional office space for his staff and 15 new positions for his department, ranging from planners to building inspectors to clerks, in the new budget. He also said he had a program ready to train new staff members in the department's procedures, "but we can't train while we're so shorthanded."

As Slimmon says, he grew up with the rules and regulations that now control growth in the County. He will mark his 35th anniversary with the department on Sept. 1. Before becoming planning director, he served 26 years as zoning administrator.

This is the first in a series of articles on the County Planning Department. In its July 25 edition, the Sun *will look more closely at the politics of planning. Is the perception that it is unfair accurate? What about the private attorneys who regularly are active in land-use cases? Does the County's organization contribute to inefficiency?*

Out and About

By Stan Hall

In the 1980s, General Motors lost nearly 10 points of share in the U. S. automobile market. Translated, that means the company now sells roughly a million and a half fewer cars per year than it did in its heyday.

As it cut back manufacturing capacity to reflect a smaller share, its list of closed plants and displaced workers grew. GM no longer was the industrial juggernaut of the world, but a symbol of many American industries that were trying desperately to compete against growing, hungry foreign competition.

Now, after several years of struggle, GM employes tell you that they think the worst is over—that the hemorrhaging has stopped and GM has a chance to win back some of that lost market share.

I hope it can, of course. I still have many good friends at GM where I labored for 15 years. I want to see the company do well for their sake—and for the country's.

GM still has about 500,000 U.S. employes, and its worldwide income is over $100 billion a year. The company that invented the word downsizing—the euphemism for smaller—has been dramatically downsized itself in the past decade, but it remains the largest manufacturing concern in the world.

No doubt, there are some reasons for optimism. First, GM's capacity rationalization—the euphemism for closing plants no longer needed—is about over. Second, with its diversification and improved European performance, GM is still making good money. Third, they've got a new man waiting to take the helm—an honest to God engineer. Financial people have dominated GM's management for the past 35 years, and a lot of people—including me—are hoping the new chairman will bring sweeping changes to GM.

I believe he clearly knows that he needs to focus the company on products that will satisfy customers and programs that will gain the help of both employes and dealers in the company's competitive fight.

But still, I don't feel so optimistic about my old employer for a number of reasons. Two of them are named Lexus and Infiniti. They are the luxury cars being sold through separate marketing divisions by Toyota and Nissan, respectively.

They are gangbuster cars. After looking forward to seeing these cars for at least two years, I finally got to spend a morning examining them at sparkling new dealerships on Van Nuys Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley on a visit to L. A. not too long ago.

GM had begun worrying about how to combat Lexus and Infiniti even before I left the company in mid-1988, so I knew a lot about them before I walked into the dealerships. But I still had a ball kicking the tires, slamming the trunk and taking a test ride—to assess them the way a typical customer would

The Lexus LS400 and the Infiniti Q45 are both better than I expected, and I went in expecting a lot. Both are rear-wheel-drive with the engines mounted conventionally in the front—not crosswise as in most front-drive cars.

LEXUS AND INFINITI BOTH are sold out of sparkling new showrooms such as this one in the Los Angeles.
Sun photo by Cathy McCaig

Ahhh, but what engines they are. Both are V8s with 32 valves—twice as many as are used in typical American V8s—to permit them to breathe better, especially at high speeds.

Both are rated at more than 250 horsepower. They are so quiet at idle that you sometimes think they've died. When you punch the throttle, though, they press you back into your seat like a jet on takeoff. They'll go from a standing stop to 60 miles per hour in the 7 second range, but they are as docile as Oldsmobiles when you want them to be, with nearly as good fuel economy.

The engine has to be the heart of any car. But in these automobiles, the seats, the instruments, the ride and handling, the technology—the total machine tells you they obviously were designed by people who understand and like cars.

Granted, they are not inexpensive. They run in the $38,000 to $45,000 list price range. The No. 1 and 2 Japanese automakers have adopted the same strategy: bring out luxury performance sedans that leapfrog the top offerings of the U. S. manufacturers, but do it for a price that brings them in well below the Mercedes and BMW flagships.

Beyond just posing the first real Japanese challenge in what the industry calls the high group, Lexus and Infiniti represent the latest in wave after wave of new competition to vie for American customers.

The Japanese import invasion began in earnest after the oil embargo caused a gasoline shortage in 1973. Since then, the number of auto manufacturers competing in the United States has more than doubled. The number of different models, in that same time, has tripled. There's now a half a dozen—going on a dozen—foreign manufacturers successfully building cars and trucks in plants in the United States and Canada.

After looking at the Lexus and Infiniti, I thought to myself: They were designed in the engineering departments and left alone; they weren't redesigned by the finance staff or anybody else.

Companies do need strong financial guidance. But in GM's case, the financial guys got too much power and held it for too long. As a result, the management began to think and act like a bank or a finance outfit, not an automobile company.

GM's financial staff gained such iron-handed control that the emphasis was always on return on investment, the capital budget, the bottom line, earnings per share. Issues were always decided by financial considerations. The people who should have been asking, "But what does the customer want?" "How will the employes react?" or "Are we sure the quality is there yet?" had long since learned that you didn't get many promotions pressing issues like that.

The day that I began thinking seriously about leaving GM was the day I heard an executive vice president from GM's financial staff tell a reporter imperiously: "You don't have to know anything about cars to know how to make money building them."

Well, time and the meager profitability of the North American automotive operations of all three major U. S. manufacturers in recent years have proven him wrong.

Now, engineer Bob Stempel is preparing to succeed financial man Roger Smith as GM chairman. I wish Stempel well. He was one of the first executives I ever worked with extensively when I joined GM back in 1972, and I later worked for him briefly when he was head of GM's Buick-Olds-Cadillac Group. I remember him as honest, knowledgeable and straightforward.

If my diagnosis of what's wrong with GM is anywhere near right, Bob Stempel could be the man to start returning the company to its former greatness. He knows and likes automobiles. He knows how to build them.

But as the new supercars from Japan show, the competition is fierce, and it covers every niche in the automotive spectrum. The days when U. S. companies such as GM could ensure their success just by keeping their own houses in order are long gone. Competition and the customer call the tune today, and that's the way it's really supposed to be, isn't it?

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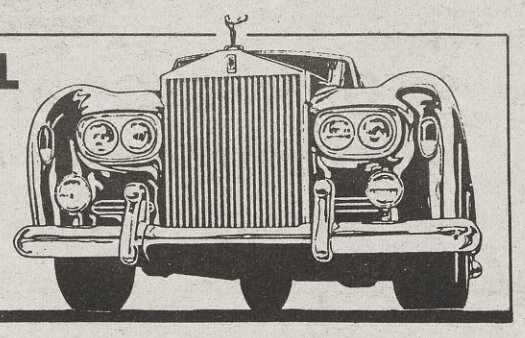

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Heuer Says Letters Supporting Land Swap for New Dam Critical

"This is the major issue that will determine whether we build a new dam or not." With that declaration, the chairman of the water board urged citizens to support a proposed swap for land inside the Ventana Wilderness that would be flooded by a new Los Padres dam.

Dick Heuer told a news conference that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District was urging "everyone who supports a new dam" to write three senators who hold the apparent key to whether Congress will approve the land exchange.

They are Sens. Pete Wilson, R-Calif., Alan Cranston, D-Calif., and Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., chairman of a Senate Public Lands subcommittee.

The water district proposes to trade the Forest Service 100 acres of private land adjacent to the wilderness' northeast corner boundary in the upper Carmel Valley in exchange for 50 acres just inside the wilderness. The 50 acres contain 3.9 acres along Danish (pronounced Duh-nísh) Creek which would be flooded by a new Los Padres Dam.

If the land swap does not win approval, the district would need a presidential waiver from a provision which prohibits flooding wilderness areas. Heuer said none has been approved in the 26 years the provision has been in effect.

Heuer made it clear in his comments that a new Los Padres Dam, envisioned to store some 24,000-acre-feet of water in a larger reservoir which would include the present Los Padres site, was the district's No. 1 priority for increasing the water supply.

"The district has felt that the Los Padres project is the most likely (one)," he said at one point. "Smaller offstream reservoirs are the only alternative to Los Padres."

Two factors complicate what otherwise should be a relatively easy land-swap deal to put together:

- In an election year, Wilson and Cranston have introduced competing wilderness bills. Cranston's does not include a provision for the swap, Wilson's does and Cranston has shown no sign of supporting such a deal.

- The national organizations of the Sierra Club and the World Wildlife Fund have historically opposed changing the boundaries of wilderness areas. "..They don't like the precedent it sets for approval of development on wilderness lands," Heuer said.

He added, however, that the district had worked closely with the local chapter of the Sierra Club in planning the swap and had revised the location of the land it proposed to trade to the government at the suggestion of the group.

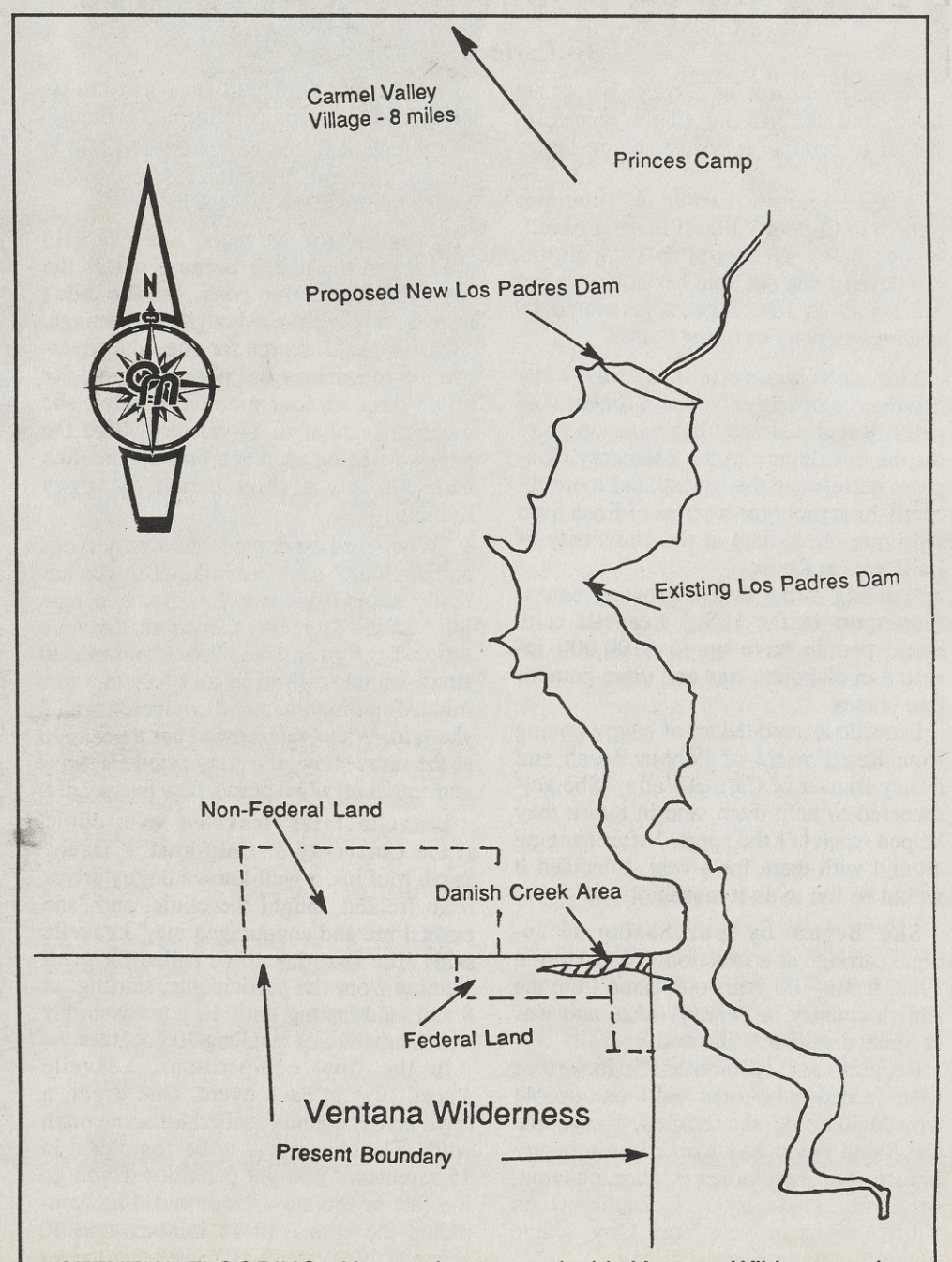
Wilson's bill, Senate Bill S2784, is similar to a House bill which Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Carmel Valley, pushed through last year. A critical next step is getting Bumpers to schedule a hearing on Wilson's bill, Heuer said, adding "that may not be easy to do."

In urging local citizens to write the three Senators, Heuer said: "Tell the Senators how badly we need the water, and how the land exchange and the dam are being planned in a way that will benefit the environment, rather than harm it."

In addition to seeking letters from individuals, Heuer said the district was working with local organizations seeking to have them pass resolutions in support of the land swap which could be sent to the Senators.

"If we are going to have a new dam on the Carmel River in the foreseeable future, this land exchange must be approved by Congress," Heuer said. "...We must tell the three Senators, and especially Sen. Cranston, how we feel about it."

Cranston's address is Room 112, Hart Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20510; Bumpers' is Suite 364, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20510; and Wilson's is Room 720, Hart Office Building, Washington, D. C., 20510.



POTENTIAL FLOODING of just under 4 acres inside Ventana Wilderness along Danish Creek is a major obstacle to construction of a new and larger Los Padres Dam on the Carmel River, officials say. The map above shows the present boundaries of the wilderness, the two parcels that the water district is proposing to exchange, the outline of the new reservoir that would be formed by a larger dam and the area along the creek that would be flooded (cross-hatched area).

Fort Ord Retiree Open House Set for Aug. 18

The 1990 All Services Retiree Open House will be held at Fort Ord's Stilwell Community Center Aug. 18.

The Open House is designed to provide current information and services of interest to present and future retirees, family members and surviving spouses. Retired Maj. Gen. James C. Pennington, executive vice president of the National Association for Uniformed Services, will be the guest speaker.

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Teacher Is a Winning Buggy Driver After Taking Up Sport

By Carolyn Rice

Judi Leavelle got her carriage before her horse, but she has put all the pieces together to become a prize-winning buggy driver.

A kindergarten teacher at Tularcitos School in Carmel Valley Village, Leavelle enjoys being successful in competition, but beyond that she said her hobby "gives me sanity in life. I get rejuvenated by driving my pony or riding horses."

The tall brunette has only been driving competitively for a couple of years. But she already has won top prize for the best buggy at the Monterey Concours d'Elegance this spring and more recently brought home a series of firsts from a driving clinic held at the University of California at Davis.

"Driving is the fastest growing equestrian sport in the U.S.," Leavelle said. Some people have up to $100,000 invested in elaborate rigs and drive pairs or four horses.

Leavelle learned the art of buggy driving from Ray Freschi of Pebble Beach and Nancy Bletzer of Carmel Valley. She volunteered to help them, and in return they helped teach her the sport. "After hanging around with them for a year, I decided it would be fun to do it myself."

She began by purchasing an antique carriage at an auction in Stockton in 1988. It was 100 years old, came from the Amish country in Pennsylvania, and was in "great disrepair," she said.

Repairs took 18 months. "I looked at what needed to be fixed and found people who could do it," she recalled. The people she found never had worked on a buggy before, but her ladies wicker phaeton, originally made by A.T. Demarest on Fifth Avenue in New York City, came out of it looking as good as new.

Drobek's Upholstery in the Village reupholstered the seat with Bedford cloth, the same as had been used originally. Janet Askew of Monterey rewove the wicker. Lynn Gregory, an Englishwoman whose husband drives buggies, redid the wheels when she was here visiting. Other craftsmen did woodwork, painting and staining.

Leavelle said the buggy cost $1,500 at the auction, and since the restoration she has been offered $4,500 for it.

A teacher for 23 years, Leavelle said she picked the buggy because it was the right size for a large pony, but she didn't have a pony when she bought the carriage, so she began to search for one. She advertised in magazines and phoned people for about three or four months. Finally, she located Tegwyn in Woodside where the pony was being used as a brood mare. She had had only a short period of buggy training.

"When we first started, she was nervous and anxious," said Leavelle. "But she has really settled down and is doing a nice job." At the Monterey Concours, Leavelle drove Tegwyn in five classes and placed first, second or third in all of them. "She minded her manners and competed well," she said. When she showed her a year ago at the same show, the pony acted fractious and reared up when planes flew overhead.

Leavelle later traveled to a clinic at the University of California at Davis. Sarah Mullins, a well-known buggy driver from Ireland, taught the clinic, and "she pushed me and encouraged me," Leavelle said. The four-day clinic called for great stamina from the participants, starting at 8 a.m. and lasting until 10 p.m. each day with temperatures reaching 105 degrees.

In the final competitions, Leavelle placed first in each event. One event, a drive across country, called for some math work. The course had to be completed in 15 minutes. "You get penalties if you go too fast or too slow," she said. She completed the course in 14 minutes and 30 seconds. Leavelle has traveled all over California to get driving lessons—from Moor Park to Plymouth—and has worked with seven different instructors.

She wanted to acquire a pony so she could hitch the animal to the carriage by herself. With a larger animal, it takes two people to hitch it up. She has two helpful neighbors, Ann and Rod Mills, who help her load the carriage on her truck when she leaves for shows. "I do all my own work" which is considerable with the sport.

It takes her four hours to clean the harness, two hours to clean the leather and two hours to clean the brass.

Leavelle and Ann Mills, who also drives, often go out together on trails behind their homes on the Carmel River. That is one other advantage to having a pony and the smaller size cart—it fits on local trails. For pleasure riding, she uses a metal cart given to her by Freschi.

Leavelle lives on her "Animal Farm" just off Carmel Valley Road west of the Village. Her place is aptly named. She has four peacocks (eight babies have just been turned over to Hacienda Hay and Feed to sell), a Border Collie/Corgi cross, three cats, an Angora rabbit, two dressage horses and a retired Shetland pony.

She said she limits her animal population to what she can care for in 30 minutes each morning.

WITH AN ASSIST from Doug Downing, a local dressage instructor who was serving as her groomsman, Judi Leavelle prepares for a recent competition with her pony, Tegwyn, and her antique wicker carriage. *Photo by Sunday Collins*

Supervisor Seeks Three Volunteers

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman is seeking interested citizens to serve in three positions. They are:

- Member of the board of directors for the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District, which serves Carmel Highlands and Carmel Meadows. Applicants should live in the fire district and send their letters to her office.
- A member to fill a three-year term on the Monterey County Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Committee. Applicants should live in the fifth district.
- A member to serve on the Agricultural Advisory Committee, which advises the Board of Supervisors on issues affecting agriculture in the County, the appointment also is for a three-year term, and applicants should be from the fifth district.

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Odello Project

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Chair Donna Sadeghi complained, "They looked at Saturdays. They never looked (at traffic) Sunday afternoon."

In an impassioned plea, Bruno Odello asked: "Do you know what stops Highway 1? It's Carmel Valley Road. Go and Look some time. This really is the problem...No one wants Hatton Canyon Freeway. No one wanted Carmel Hill either. Thank God we have it. We don't want special treatment. We want what's fair."

Richard Criley, who has lived in the Highlands since 1917, said, "I'm very sympathetic to the Odellos but we have to deal with the realities...the cars stack up past Mal Paso Creek (six miles south of Rio Road on Highway 1)....I agree with the Odellos that we should show no favoritism. To talk about Hatton Canyon as being some sort of solution is not reality. It could be 15-20 years if it is ever built. We are not playing in the real world at all."

The abstention on the vote was by Walter Alsty, who said: "I still say the Odellos should not be completely penalized."

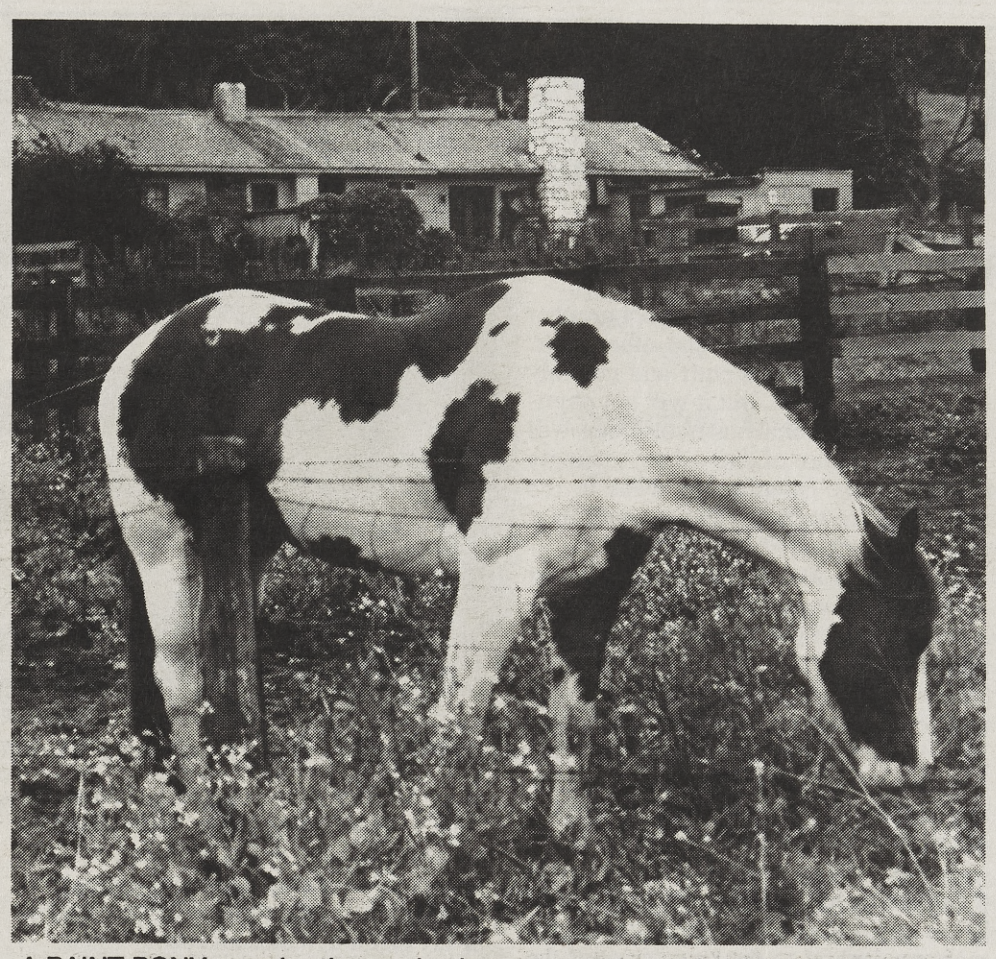
Richter said their studies showed the Point Lobos project would not affect Highway 1 traffic because people using the hotel would not be traveling at peak traffic times.

Asked about that statement, Davis told the *Sun* that traffic traveling to the development would be going south in the evening when backups typically occur on northbound lanes because of the congestion at Carmel Valley Road and Highway 1. He said traffic in the area is generally uncongested in the morning hours when people would be traveling to and from the development.

Plans call for a hotel comprised of 30 two-story buildings, a lodge with a restaurant and conference facilites, a two-story recreation building, a 36-bed youth hostel, 32 townhomes, 42 apartments, a water treatment facility and undergounrd parking for 350 cars.

Like the Odello project, the partnership behind the Point Lobos development said it would use less water than it does now for argiculture. Davis was asked why the pastures alongside Highway 1 have just recently started being irrigated heavily. He said the property has been watered "off and on for several years" to support horses and cattle.

Davis said the plan called for lodging units to be located up the hill behind the conference center and dining room, and no cars would be permitted to drive up to them. Guests would be moved to them by shuttle, he added.



A PAINT PONY samples the grazing in a pasture alongside Highway 1 near Point Lobos near where a $125 million development has been proposed.

Sun Photo by Stan Hall

Settlement Discussions Fail In Murphy Grading Lawsuit

Efforts to reach an out-of court settlement in the Murphy grading case were unsuccessful at a recent meeting, but lawyers for both sides said they still were hopeful they "could sort things out."

Lawyers representing the county, the district attorney's office and the coastal commission met with John A. Murphy's attorneys on June 26. It was their first meeting to try to reach an out-of-court settlement since Murphy was sued for allegedly grading miles of roads without a coastal permit on his 4,300-acre ranch overlooking the Big Sur coast.

Morgan Taylor, a deputy district attorney, said the meeting was inconclusive.

While no additional meetings are scheduled at this time, he said he hoped subsequent sessions would result in an agreement which would lead to emergency erosion measures being undertaken before the rainy season begins.

Susan Dauphine, one of Murphy's lawyers, agreed that "nothing is in the works," but she also expressed optimism that a deal still could be struck.

Murphy allegedly began grading 15 or so miles of new or restored roads on the property in late 1987 without getting a coastal development permit.

He was in negotiations with the district attorney's office talking about a settlement when the state intervened on behalf of the coastal commission. Since then, the two sides have been at an impasse over what kind of erosion control measures Murphy should perform. The government wants him to restore the slopes as nearly as possible to their state before the grading, while he wants esentially to stabilize the roads and leave them in place.

Murphy has maintained that he graded the roads to provide better access to his property for state firefighters, and that county officials knew what he was doing and gave at least tacit approval to it.

Park Expansion

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were in the Santa Lucia Mountains, Carmel Valley Trails, Big Sur Coast, the Armstrong Ranch, Fort Ord East of Highway 1 and Butterfly Habitat in Pacific Grove.

An estimated $4 million was suggested for expansion of existing sites, including Garland Ranch Regional Park, Mill Creek Preserve, Locke Paddon Wetlands and Laguna Grande.

The grand total comes to $77,785,000 of which $63,615,000 is proposed to be spent in the 5-year implementation plan. However, the plan calls for spending some $52 million more than estimated revenues of $11,143,487 during the next five years. That income is projected to be raised by $4,143,487 from local property taxes; $2 million from grants; and $4 million from Proposition 117, the State Wildlife Initiative, which is destined for Santa Lucia Mountains projects.

At present the district receives an average .56 percent of the total property tax. As an example, the report said, a resident whose property is valued at $200,000 with a one percent property tax would have a total annual tax of $2,000 of which $11.32 is allocated to the district.

The plan proposes expanding the district's northern boundaries to the Salinas River by annexation of private land, including coastal dunes and the Armstrong Ranch. The land in question covers three to four square miles, Tate said.

"The Salinas River is a logical boundary based on environmental considerations as well as incorporating the City of Marina's sphere of influence," the proposal states.

Since its formation in 1972, the district has acquired 5,490 acres and spent $10 million of public funds from its primary funding source of a portion of property taxes and state and federal matching funds. The largest park in the 14-park district is the 3,374-acre Garland Ranch Regional Park in Carmel Valley.

Included in the list of potential development of existing facilities is extension of the Monterey Peninsula Recreation Trail so that it would extend north through Sand City and connect with an existing Ford Ord/Highway 1 trail to Marina; extend from Fisherman's Wharf to Lake El Estero; and south along Ocean View Blvd. in Pacific Grove to Pebble Beach and Carmel, ending at Point Lobos.

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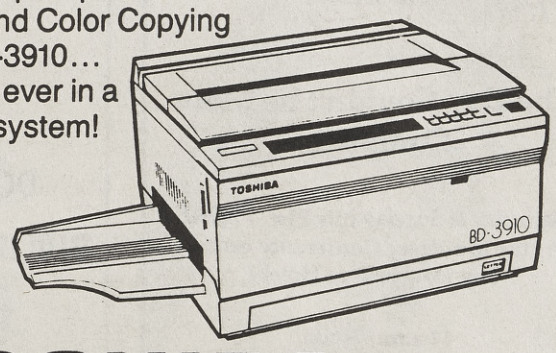

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Brush Strokes *The Art Scene*

Ron Bean at Carmel Valley Manor

Ron Bean is not just a watercolorist; he is a traditional watercolorist. I know that I have alluded to some subtle distinction whenever watercolor has come up in this column, and I suppose I should put any mystery to rest and define my terms.

Traditional watercolor is perhaps the vehicle for the most pure response to the stimulus of the creative act that an artist can achieve. At its best, it is the epitome of "sabi," Japanese for controlled spontaneity—not a contradiction in terms, but an erudite state, knowledge so instilled it becomes the response and the act at once. It is achieved through discipline. What else? And discipline is freedom.

Learning the discipline of watercolor is learning to see and perform as a team: brush becomes an extension of the hand, the hand, the eye; colors mix so quickly, the response to the visual stimulus can be more rapid than with any other medium. Knowledge of the pigments and their capabilities of interaction with each other is critical in creation of texture as well as exactness of color and in response of pigment and wetness to the paper. Traditional watercolor requires only the paint, the paper, the water, the brush and the artist to command.

It does not require salt, alcohol or other chemicals, knives, pens and other tools. Yes, you can use this stuff and possibly create a work of art. But it will not physically be a traditional watercolor, nor will it have the nature of one—that seemingly instantaneous response to what is the essence of the subject. Less is more. "Nuf said.

Except if you wish to see what I think is the best example of this in western watercolor, look up John Singer Sargent's watercolors.

Anyway, I am always pleased to see someone on that traditional watercolor journey. Bean's two dozen paintings at the Manor are a very sensitive search into the medium. He has a background in graphic design which means all the tricks of the trade—and he has tossed them aside for the paint, the paper, the water and the brush. These paintings do vary in approach, but most are faithful to the boundaries of the medium.

Conceptually, aesthetic seeing is shape seeking, one shape defining another. In watercolor, this "negative" seeing is essential in application as well as concept: you paint the shape behind to create the shape in front. Lots of clear examples: "December is Beautiful at Garland Park" in which the green hills create yellow trees. Notice how clean his colors are, the intensity and the depth of value without using dye concentrates. It is a matter of color mixture. The wetness of the application allows for granulation of the mixture to occur.

"The Facade of Late December in Garland" is even better. There is more control of the actual space of the yellow trees. There is no question that the trees are not only in front of the negative of the violet hills, but that they're a great distance in front of them. Why? One, the overlap of the trees into the sky is negative: two,the lighter value edging the tree shape pulls it forward; three, the close color relationship of sky and hill, muted and cool.

CALIFORNIA TOWN, a watercolor by Ron Bean

Now, look for this back to front painting in "Pt. Lobos Revisited," "Bodega Bay Boat Scenes," and "The Colors of Garrapata." An important aspect of creating the shape in front by painting the shape behind is shape awareness. In "The Colors of Garrapata" in addition to color shape awareness, there is also value shape awareness. The dark value shapes are painted to create the light shapes.

"Duke's Hiding Place" is another good example of darks creating lights as well as back creating front. Bean does not fudge his colors and values. They are clear and understood so that we, the viewer, clearly understand the space crated. Remember, light creates color, and in a painting we use color to create that light. Notice here how the cold and muted color in the shadows reinforces the dark value.

"California Farming Town" is a very simplistic value statement using two colors plus the white of the paper. It is an excellent exercise to begin to understand the process of creating the illusion of space through value and color on a flat surface. It is also an example of how a painting begins with the design. As such, it is representative of a possible book illustration or advertisement. Why? The design catches the eye. That is why a good piece of art must begin with good design.

"Highway in the Sky at Port Costa" is one step more in the design process: simplicity of values and color but stronger in contrast and doubled in number of value stages and color scheme—yellows to green and blues to violet.

"Memories of Busier Days" is a more complex negative painting because there are more shapes in more levels of space. See how many objects create how many objects: the pines mid-distance on the right create the fence and the train, the fence creates the train, fence and train create the railroad bed, railroad bed creates tile and building bottom in foreground left, distant trees create side of building and distant house and the pines in the mid-distance on the right which had created the fence—"legbones connected to the knee bone!"

"When There Was Water in Carmel River" is one of my two favorites in this show. The complex growth of color on the initial value statement is more subtle and rich and flowing. The more intense colors melt into the muted colors of the shadows by degrees. Flickering bands of changing values help the water recede. This is the most fluid and open piece in the show.

The other of my favorites is "Three Little Maids." If you remember my review of the Seaside Competitive in the fall, bear with my repeating myself: this is a wonderful watercolor—simplicity of design, clarity of spaces defined, control of edges, and command of the complex properties of color (value, intensity, temperature). Finesse. The back to front painting is not obvious but it is there. More evident is "The other Side of the Fence," total shape of several objects (the three little maids).

"Street Scene in Taxco, Mexico," is to-

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ART HAPPENINGS

The Monterey Airport Terminal has a current exhibit by county school children created for the Aquarium's annual Young People's Marine Arts Festival. It runs through Aug. 19.

Morley Baer will address the Monterey Peninsula Museum of Arts annual meeting July 14. The noted architectural and landscape photographer recently donated 80 of his prints to the museum's permanent collection.

"Tracks in the Sky" opens at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History. The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition features "Wildlife and Wetlands of the Pacific Flyway." It will be on display through Aug. 12. A reception for wildlife photographer Tupper Ansel Blake and Audubon Magazine columnist Peter Steinhart will be held at the opening 1-4 p.m., July 15.

Four Monterey Bay artists will open a show July 13 at the Pacific Grove Art Center. The multi-media event includes Susan Collins of Monterey, acrylic painter Kathryn Hannay of Moss Landing, watercolorist Anna Price Onegila of Santa Cruz and photographer William Giles of Carmel Valley.

San Diego artist Edward Pieters has an exhibit of works in three dimensional polychrome handmade paper at the Claypoole-Freese Gallery, 216 Grand Avenue, Pacific Grove through Aug. 18.

John Random opens a one-man show of sculpture and collage July 20-22 at the Random Machine Gallery, Casa Gutierrez Garden, Pacific Street, Monterey.

THE OLDEST ANTIQUE SHOW on the Monterey Peninsula opens July 13-15 at St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Pacific Grove. This year's 33rd annual show is dedicated to the late Grace Elliott of Beverly Antiques and Jack Keller of Keller and Scott. Lewis Scott, above, displays an 18th century George III silver tray. *Photo by Wei Chang*

Bruce Ariss Benefit July 18

A Bruce and Jean Ariss Art Auction benefit will be held July 28 at the Monterey Aquarium. Artists wishing to donate art can take it to Doc's Lab, 800 Cannery Row, Monterey, 7-9 p.m., July 18.

Cowboy Poster Sponsored

The Monterey County Cultural Council is sponsoring the Cowboy Poetry poster which commemorates the Evening of Cowboy Poetry to be held July 19 as part of the Salinas Rodeo Big Week activities.

The poster features a reproduction of a painting by local Western artist Martin Weekly of cowboys reciting poetry around a campfire at sunset. Posters will be on sale at the Rodeo Office, Rodeo Grounds and at the council offices. All proceeds benefit the council and its program.

They also will be on sale at the poerty reading at Sherwood Hall, Salinas, and at a reception to promote the poster at the Martin Weekly Gallery in Carmel, July 12.

Central Coast Show Winners at Seaside

Pacific Grove artist Fay Hopkins won first prize in the Central Coast Art Association's summer competitive at the Seaside City Hall for an acrylic, "Canyon Oak."

Barbara Teunis of Marina won second place with a watercolor, "Sunbathed Eucalyptus," while Joseph Nordmann of Pacific Grove was third with an oil, "Fog in the Bay."

Honorable Mention went to Judy Baird of Carmel Valley with a watercolor, "Valley Glow;" Jane Marshall of Carmel with a watercolor, "Lilies;" and Mary Thomas of Pacific Grove with a collage, "Old custom House."

The show is on display throkugh July 20. Entries were judged July 2.

Brushstrokes

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tal shape again: the blue violet shape moves across space/page and creates a total shape encompassing the building, shadow and second building. The white is left as the negative in effect, but is actually the positive in the process. Powerful design effect! You can see the illustration and advertisement possibilities.

What others have this strong total shape/design effect? "Conference at Coast Guard Wharf" begins with blue sky negative. The wharf, rocks, pier and boat group create one shape against white of water. "Boats at Rest" does the same thing in a looser less obviously designed approach so that the viewer feels more illusion of distance than in the hard edged design conscious painting. I like this one. The painter is stronger than the designer.

Though I believe all of Bean's paintings are sincerely a means to an end (as any artist's work should be), I think some of these are more so than others; that is, there is more merit to them as experimentation than as a finished product: "Motif from the Ocean," "Desert," "Autumn Blue and Green," "Bodega Bay Boat Scene," "Action in Blue and Green," "Head of a Fisherman" (sponge? painting?).

"The Artist at the Wharf," done in a singular style, is clearly experimentation, but is so playful and exciting and colorfully successful, it is artful in the best sense. Bean is definitely a watercolor teacher's watercolorist, and you should all thank him for being the lesson for the day.

County Fair Seeks Young Talent

The Monterey County Fair is accepting entries for its talent competition which will be held Aug. 25.

The competition is open to children, aged three to 18. No entry fee is charged.

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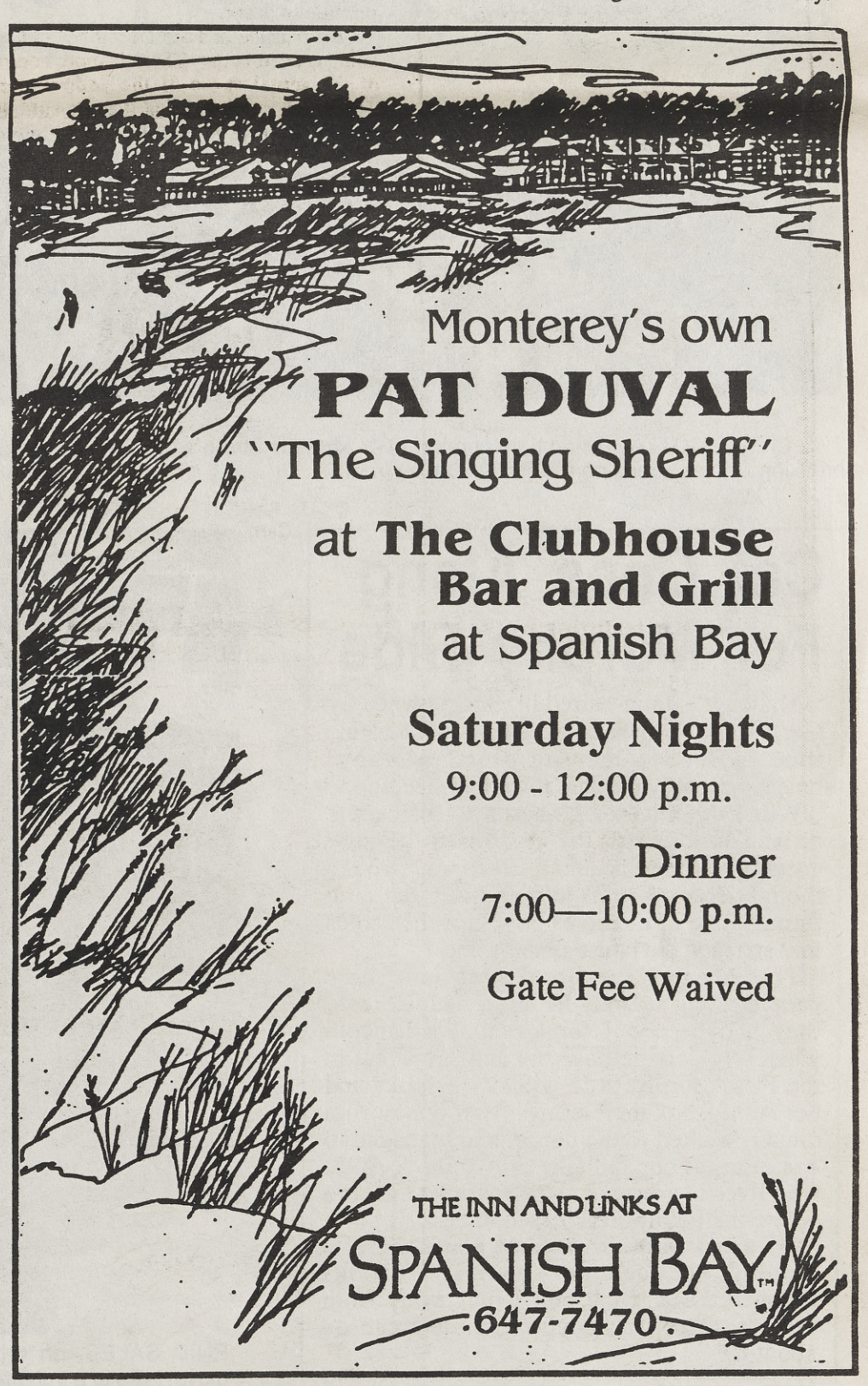

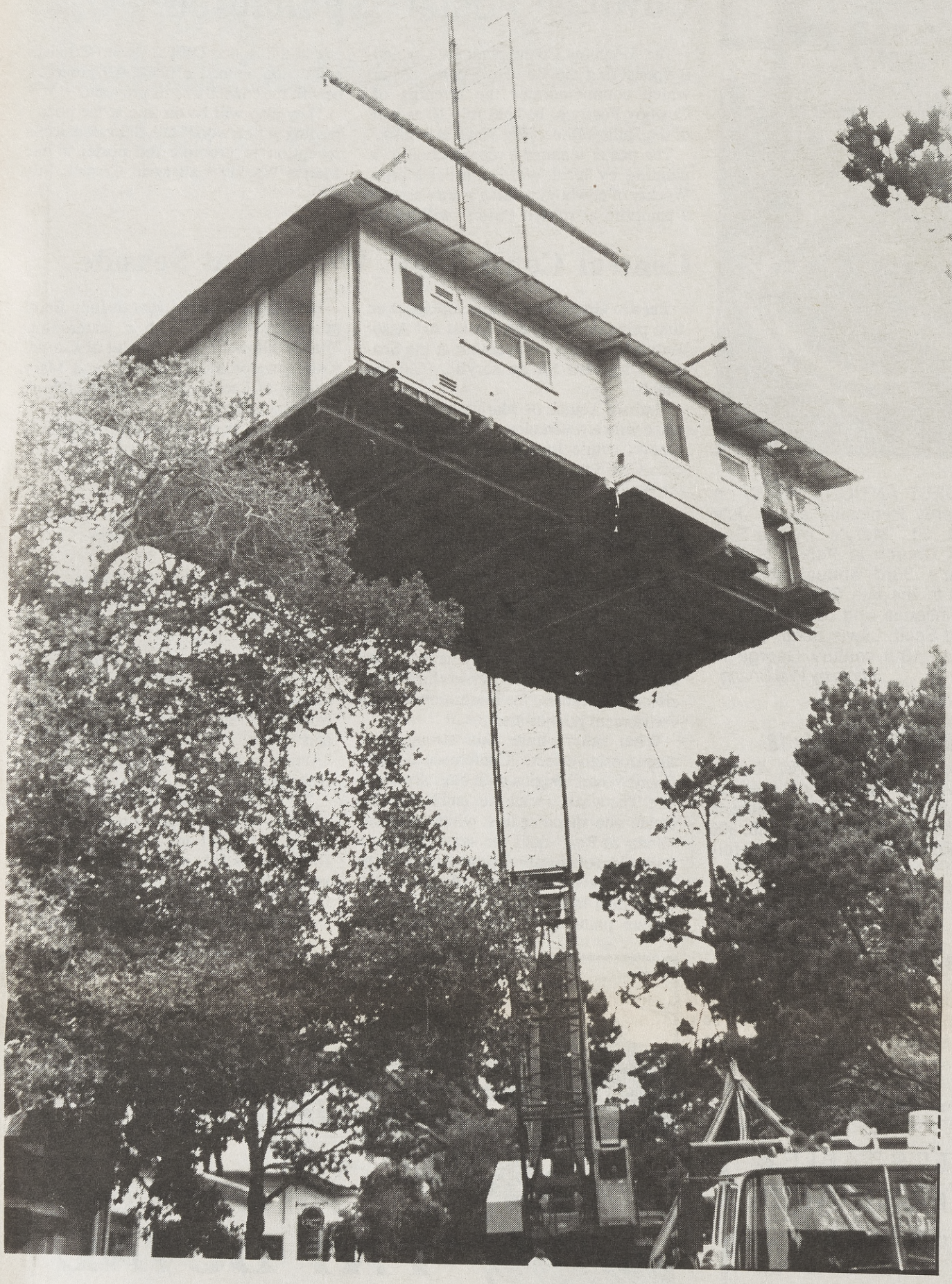

THE LITTLE COTTAGE hung suspended over Mission Street while workmen maneuvered to lower it without breaking limbs on trees on either side of the street.
Sun photos by Stan Hall

Moving First

By Isabelle Hall

His eldest grandson said M.J. Murphy probably would have thought "those damn fools" when he saw his first house being moved through the streets of Carmel. But then with a shake of his head and a smile, he added "but on the other hand..."

On the other hand, indeed. The incredible journey of this tiny 1902 cottage created a wonderful, festive spirit in Carmel-by-the-Sea. As Mayor Jean Grace said, "The main thing is that it has brought the community together."

It was a chilly morning, typical of Carmel in June when ocean fogs cool the air before the sun breaks through. The tiny Carmel Cafe offered free cups of hot coffee to the crowd. Many had been there since 6 a.m. and some since 4 a.m. when the crane arrived.

Almost the only sound on Mission Street in downtown Carmel by 9 a.m. June 28 was the insistent squeal of the 150-ton crane as it hoisted the 15-ton First Murphy house up and over the roof of G.J. West's store. The crowd of some 350 to 400 seemed to be collectively holding its breath.

Just as the Murphy rooftop appeared over the top of the west store, the silence was split by a loud cheer from the crowd which then broke into applause.

What would Murphy have thought about all of the hoopla? His eldest grandson, Mike Jones of Boulder Creek, who came especially for the occasion, told the *Sun* he thought Murphy would have said, "Those damn fools. What do they think they're doing? But, on the other hand..."

The 800-square foot house was built by M.J. Murphy when he was just 17 for his mother and sisters. The most recent owners, Joseph and Stella Biason, who donated the house to the city, question whether the house is, in fact, the "First Murphy," although they have cooperated in the move since buying the house eight months ago.

"When we bought it in October no one said anything about it being historic," Biason said.

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Cat Goes Along For Murphy Ride

Matthew, a long-haired black cat owned by Gary West, had been spending a lot of his time in the condemned "First Murphy" house, probably chasing mice and sleeping.

When the huge crane and a lot of people arrived June 28 for the moving of the little cottage, Councilwoman Barbara Brooks thought she saw him jumping into the attic through one of the holes bored for the cables that attached the house to the crane.

That evening the Brooks ran into some people eating at Bully III in Carmel who said they had been out for a walk on Lincoln where the cottage now sits and saw a cat in the First Murphy attic window. Brooks and her family took their leftover beef bones from dinner, walked to the house, and managed to coax the cat out and take him home to West who lives in a second-floor apartment next to where the First Murphy used to be.

"If a cat runs away from home there is nothing you can do about it," Brooks quipped. "But if the home runs away from the cat, there isn't anything the cat can do about it."

ENID SALES, an organizer of the First Murphy move, talks to a reporter.

irst Murphy Excites, Unites Carmel

The couple plans to build three small shops that will be architecturally consistent with the existing stores in the area of Jack London Mall.

In fact, the little wooden cottage is the first building ever designated historic by the city which is just now beginning a survey of potentially historic properties prior to drafting an ordinance.

"This project is really lighting a fire under Carmel's historic appreciation," said Brian Congelton, an architect and spokesman for the "First Murphy" committee which raised $16,000 for the move. "Carmel is looking at its own history for the first time."

Enid Thompson Sales, who coordinated the complex moving of the house three blocks to a city-owned parking lot on Lincoln, was fit to be tied because the police wouldn't let her get close to the site because of the danger of the heavy equipment.

A veteran of moving 14 historic Victorian houses in San Francisco, she fussed that she had always been allowed up front before. However, she did acknowledge, "I've never done it with a crane before. The crane is a new dimension."

People brought their children and their dogs. A black cat that lives in a neighboring apartment was spotted by Councilwoman Barbara Brooks darting into one of the holes drilled in the roof for the movers' cables. She wondered if it was still there (see cat story) when the house was finally lifted high into the air. The house was held high over Mission as crane operator Jeff Keller pondered how to clear a huge live oak tree on one side of the street and a tall Monterey pine on the other—both protected under city ordinances as native trees.

City Administrator Douglas Schmitz and Gary Kelly, head of the Forest and Beach Department, were watching. Their men were on hand to cut off branches or try to save them from being broken.

Schmitz made the decision not to trim any trees on the route in advance of the move because it was too difficult to estimate which ones might get in the way.

LIKE THE PIED PIPER OF HAMLIN, First Murphy is followed down Sixth Street by curious Carmel supporters . A native fuschia which had grown through the wood siding is still growing above the door. *Sun photos by Stan Hall*

Keller had a masterful touch with the 38-foot long crane. He handled it from his radio-equipped, glass-enclosed cab with such apparent ease he might have been playing with toys. A couple of branches on both trees were broken, and the glass from one window fell out but most of the branches were saved in the tricky maneuver to lower the house onto its rolling platform for the actual trip through town.

Mayor Grace who led the cheering section said, ""I didn't think I'd be this excited but I am."

"Why are they going to all this trouble for that little old house?" inquired a visitor from Los Gatos.

"Hey, that looks like the typical Carmel house, rotted and old," yelled another in the crowd.

Under the watchful eye of Chief John McGilvray, the Carmel police did their best to keep people away from the danger area as the unwieldy house was loaded and moved through the narrow streets. People were everywhere, following it down Sixth like the Pied Piper of Hamlin, racing in front to take pictures with cameras and the ever-popular videocameras, popping up on rooftops, jumping into the road.

At the site of its new home where some final tricky maneuvering was required, supporters of the First Murphy had a party with a band that played "Home on the Range," and volunteers who handed out colorful balloons, bags of popcorn, lemonade and hot dogs donated by the Pine Inn across the road.

Typical of the supporters was Mike McGibney, a pilot with Delta Airlines who was born and raised in Carmel and still keeps a home on Mission. "It's similar to the Murphy house," he laughed.

"This is bringing the village together for a common purpose," McGibney said. "The focus has been on redevelopment. Now it can be for the preservation of our assets."

With him was his stepfather, Richard Wright, 72, a local contractor who was a crony of Murphy's in the days "when they hung out at the lumber yard before they started meeting at Whitneys (now the site of Maxwell McFly's Pub) and El Fumidor, the local watering holes then," McGibney said.

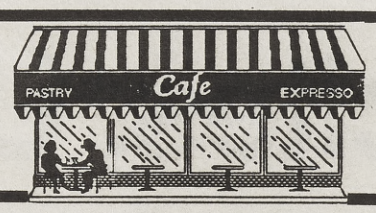
Also enjoying the show was Charles Walker, 82, of Carmel Valley who thought it was "exciting." Walker told the *Sun* in a May 2 interview that he believes he may be the oldest living former Murphy employe. He recalled installing glass in Murphy's houses for 65 cents an hour and worrying about making $29-a-month payments on a Carmel home.

Murphy's grandson, Mike Jones, said he came to town especially for the occasion. Though he was born in Carmel and went to school there, he said, "I never could afford to live here."

Other members of the Murphy family also were on hand, many of them wearing green and white Murphy Lumber caps.

MAYOR JEAN GRACE, who led the cheering section, and architect Brian Congleton, a First Murphy spokesman, discuss the cottage.

Let's Eat Out!



A return visit to one of Carmel's premier dining establishments Saturday night was such a disappointment, I decided not to review it. From the terrible table which the hostess insisted was all she had in a room half-empty to the perfunctory service, mundane food and total lack of any graciousness, the $50 per person tab seemed insulting at best. I have to think it was an off night and will check it out again later.

If anyone were to ask me where I liked to eat best, I would have to say at home—mine or anyone else's—for that is where I have enjoyed the most memorable meals, around a dinner table with family, friends and conversation.

I grew up in a family of five in a rather small house, and we always ate dinner in the dining room because it was the only place we could all sit. My mother taught me a reverence for good food. My father taught me to use my mind, and our meals were always peppered with arguments and discussion to the point where he finally imposed a rule that no subject could be discussed unless it was of interest to all. Nothing is more enjoyable to me today than being invited to a home or cooking for friends. We have enjoyed food and "food for thought" from the many cultures of a variety of good friends.

Our Chinese friends occasionally treat us to a "Hot Pot," which Luciana spends all day preparing and Arthur likens to taking a "hot tub" together. It is an intimate meal, and she prepares it with the care of a great artist. You feel honored to share it.

An electric wok waits in the center of the round table bubbling with chicken broth she made that morning. Each of us has a bowl of mysterious-looking dark, thick sauce "made from 12 different ingredients" such as wine, ginger, garlic, soy sauce. Each of us has a plate, arranged like a painting with raw shrimp, scallops, mahi-mahi, Chinese mushrooms, bamboo shoots and broccoli. We take up our chopsticks and cook each item ourselves, then dip it in the sauce.

From time to time, Luciana will add crisp, green peapods, thrice-washed spinach, and cellophane noodles to the bubbling broth which gets richer and richer with everything that is added. On the sidelines is a plate of thinly sliced raw beef, displayed like the spokes of a wheel and decorated with individual leaves of Belgian endive. Another plate has raw chicken and asparagus spears. We cook, and eat, and sip our wine and talk of Carmel and China and the world.

We don't get to enjoy my sister-in-law's dining table in Toronto very often but it is always exciting. A graduate of the Ontario College of Art, Suzy sets a dazzling table full of color and light that makes every meal a party. Her Christmas turkeys are incredibly succulent with a rich, brown gravy to top off the potatoes whipped with cream and butter, the turnips mashed with butter and sugar, the peas and carrots. Harking back, my brother and I don't argue so much anymore as talk about the arguments we used to have and the wonderful food we ate as children.

Close friends in Detroit used to include us at their Seder table to commemorate the Old Testament story of the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. Dorothy and Lew have a wonderful black cook, Ida, who came from the South, is a devout Baptist, and makes the most delicate matzoh balls you ever tasted in a rich chicken soup. The meal would include a tart salad of apples that represented the bitterness of the exodus, followed by a big, plump chicken with dumplings, all of which induced a warm feeling of well-being that fueled the fire of vigorous arguments, usually political, though anything was fair game.There would be pie, perhaps rhubarb, or apple, or lemon chiffon. Ida was a master baker. After this generous repast, we would repair to the gin rummy table to work it off and argue some more.

Tom and Mary Lou, our "Catholic" friends from General Motors days, could be counted on for one of the best soups in town, usually followed by a freshly caught fish from the Great Lakes—perhaps pickerel or whitefish—and a rousing religious argument.

With British friends, Bill and Betty, the Queen was always our target. I am for the monarchy, my husband against. Betty, who might take either side, would often serve the hearty, healthy simple foods with which she grew up. There might be a dried pea potage that was positively addictive or a real tour de force such as Beef Wellington, that haute cuisine creation of rare filet mignon that is covered with a mixture of mushrooms, onions and duck or goose liver pate, then sealed in a puff pastry dough and baked to a golden brown.

We miss Lois and Rod who live across the country in Florida now and used to live across the street from us in Michigan. Absolutely any subject on earth interests them, and Lois, who puts her heart and soul into cooking, is the creator of the best creme brulee ever prepared. We rate all others by hers. It is the ingredients, the care, the touch she provides. She gently cooks the eggs (all eight of them) with heavy cream that has been scalded with a vanilla bean into a a delicate custard and chills it. Just prior to serving dessert, she fills a metal pan with crushed ice, places the custard on top, sprinkles it with sugar and runs it under a hot broiler to caramelize. You bite through the hard, candy crust to ice cold custard.

One of the simplest and tastiest meals we ever had was cooked by our former doctor, a Muslim from Peshawar in the Khyber Pass. He treated us to an exotic beef and vegetable dish. We have enjoyed the finest Indian cuisine prepared by another doctor friend from Calcutta, and Russian borscht and pirozhki—tiny pastries with savory fillings of cabbage or beef—cooked by Lilia, a Canadian of Lithuanian extraction. George, a Cuban friend, likes to indulge his guests with Bananas flambee after a Mexican dinner whipped up by his dentist-wife, Pam.

Here in California we have argued vigorously with neighbors, John and Joanne, a doctor and nurse, about the environment and our place in the world, about politics, about the rights of an individual. This heady brew is topped off by such treats as Joanne's homemade apple pie.

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COMPILING AN 11-1-2 record, the Twins won the eight-team Carmel Valley Little League minors this season. Led by Chase Mahoney's .879 average, they recorded a .614 team batting average. Shown above, from the left, are: Bottom row, Ryan Bogart, Brian Mahoney, Chip Powers, Skip Powers, Nikolaus Baer, Josh Brown and Gabe Rosen, who was recognized with a special hustle award at the League's July 4 festivities; Middle row, Chase Mahoney, Brandon Ingram, Christopher Paquin, Roger Vega, Taylor Newman, Tyler Wood and Christina Ducoing; Back row, coach Mike Mahoney and coach Rick Powers. Not pictured are coach Jack Paquin and players Adrian Bryan and Amber Mancebo.

Soledad, Heat Dump CV Tigers

The Carmel Valley Tigers ran into a hot team and scorching weather in the first round of the District 9 Little League tournament of Champions in King City. They dropped a 10-3 decision to Gonzales which knocked them out of the single-elimination tourney.

With temperatures over the 100-degree mark, "our kids just wilted," said one parent who saw the game.

In other post season action, the 11-12-year-old Carmel Valley All Stars lost an opening round game at the park on Paso Hondo to Soledad, 8-4, as two visiting players connected for home runs. Those all-stars still are alive in that tournament, since it is double-elimination. The Carmel Valley team was scheduled to play in the losers bracket at Hartnell College Tuesday.

On July 4 at the Carmel Valley Little League park, the 8-9-year-old Blue All Stars edged the Reds 8-7 in extra inning play as Spencer (Scoop) Reade drove in the wining run in the 7th. In other play, Carmel's Pine Inn scored an 8-6 win over Carmel Valley's second place majors team, the Falcons.

But Carmel Valley's first place Tigers topped Carmel's first place Express, winning 8-7 in the 7th when Brandon Milligan's single drove in two runs.

At the Carmel Valley park on Independence day, winners of the Batathon fundraiser and other awards were announced. Overall, the Batathon raised some $7,000 this year.

The most money turned in by a minor league team was by the Twins, the most by a majors team was by the Indians. Ben Rianda collected the most of any minors player, and Aaron Pritchard collected the most of any majors player.

Tracy Call of the Falcons won the McKenzie Memorial Award for the most improved player. The Sal Ocampo award went to Aaron Prichard of the Indians, while the umpires' award for the most inspirational minor league players went to Hillary Hollingsworth of the Broncos and Sam Allen of the Wolfpack. Gabe Rosen of the Twins was recognized with the umpires' special achievement award.

In the 9-10-year-old all star community tournament, Carmel Valley had trouble with Pacific Grove, losing to its A team and then to its B team to be eliminated. Pacific Grove A and Monterey A will play Sunday for the championship.

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Our Animal Friends

By Araby Colton

Mountain Lions Fear Guarding Dogs

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But you don't have to come out in the morning to bloody carcasses left by hungry cougars...or feral dogs, for that matter.

Since Bible times, the sheep and goats of the Old World have been protected from predators by a special kind of dog, nowadays called the European Guarding Dog.

He bears various exotic names...the Shar Planinetz of Yugoslavia, the Anatolian Shepherd, or Akbash, of Turkey, the Great Pyrenees of France and Spain, the Komondor of Hungary.

He is a large dog with a rough coat that affords protection from predatory teeth and all weather. He is a quiet, dignified, slow moving dog, who simply stays with his charges, be they sheep, goats, cattle, pigs, race horses, or children. At the approach of a predator or trespassing human, the dog barks, loudly. If the intruder threatens or attacks, the Guarding Dog becomes the world's most lethal fighting machine.

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More and more the European Guarding Dog is becoming an important feature of the American stock-raising industry. With the help of the Livestock Dog Project, at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass., more than 1,200 of these dogs have been placed on farms and ranches throughout the country. The results, according to the statements of the stock owners, have been consistently satisfactory.

Typical is Durwood Kelly of Central Texas. Facing bankruptcy because of losses of sheep and goats to coyotes, he got two Great Pyrenees. Today his animals, he says, grow sleek and fat, protected every moment of the day and night (especially night) by "huge white brutes with the head of a bear, the heart of a tiger, and the disposition of a doting grandpa."

The Livestock Dog Project was established in 1976 by Professors Raymond and Lorna Coppinger. The Coppingers toured, and secured dogs from Italy, Portugal, Turkey and Yugoslavia. With federal and private funding, they have bred, trained, and studied the European Guarding Dog. These dogs are now a substantial part of programs of several state sheep organizations, extension services, wildlife departments, and the Federal Animal Damage Control Program.

Recently organized is the Livestock Guard Dog Association, for anyone interested in livestock guarding dogs. It provides information, help with record keeping, and contact with others who are using these dogs. For information, write the Livestock Guard Dog Association, Hampshire College, Amherst, Mass. 01002.

YWCA Women's Walk-run Set Aug. 5

The YWCA of the Monterey Peninsula will hold its 11th Annual Women's Walk-Run Aug. 5 along Monterey Bay.

The event includes a 5K walk and a 5K and 10K run along a gently sloping course which starts and ends at Lover's Point in Pacific Grove.

Pre-event registration is $12 prior to Aug. 1, and $14 on the day of the race. The office is at 801 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey.

THREE MAREMMA PUPS will grow into European Guarding Dogs after being raised with "their flock." *Photo courtesy Lorna Coppinger*

County Offers Senior Health Check-ups

Free health check-ups for older adults will be offered during July at various sites throughout Monterey County "by appointment only."

Sponsored by SCANS (Senior Citizen and Nursing Services) of the County Health Department, the check-ups are available for persons over 55. They are designed to extend preventive health care and screening services by identifying health problems, helping find appropriate care and teaching preventive health.

They are available on the Peninsula at: Presbyterian Church, Ocean and Junipero, Carmel; Community Center, 515 Junipero and Sally J. Griffin Senior Center, Pacific Grove; Neighborhood Center, 280 Dickman Ave., New Monterey; Oldemeyer Multi-Use Center, 986 Hilby Ave., Seaside; and Grange Hall, 213 Carmel Ave., Marina. Call 899-8100.

In Salinas, sites are Hebbron Heights, 683 Fremont St., Filipino Hall, 250 Calle Cebu; Creative Living Center, 65 San Miguel Ave., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1071 Pajaro and the Health Department, 1270 Natividad Road. Call 755-4500.

Enter the Chili Cook-Off

Chili cooks are being accepted on a first-come basis for the Tenth Annual Monterey County Fair Chili Cook-Off Aug. 26.

Open to residents of Monterey County, the entry fee is $25 per team. At least one member of the team must be a member of the International Chili Society which sanctions the event. It is sponsored by Budweiser and Couch Distributing who provide each team with beer, an ice chest, ice and buttons.

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Two workshops on DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE, sponsored by Legal Services for Seniors, 2 p.m.,Tuesday, July 24, Monterey Public Library, and Tuesday, July 31, Salinas Community Center. Free. 372-3989 or 424-1247.

MONTEREY PENINSULA JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, Mission Ranch, Carmel. 899-5919 or 372-5824.

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION COURSE, offered by Community Hospital, Thursday July 19 and July 26. $20. 625-4708.

GET TO KNOW YOUR KNEES, lecture on diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of knee problems, 9 a.m., Saturday, July 21, Community Hospital. Free. 625-4505.

54TH ANNUAL MONTEREY NATIONAL HORSE SHOW, featuring all kinds of equestrian competition, will be held 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. July 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. on July 21 and 22. Admission is free except for the 7:45 p.m. performances on July 26 and 28, when tickets will be $4 adults, $2 for children and no admission for those under six. 372-5863.

HARVEY, the Mary Chase comedy "starring" an invisible, 6-foot rabbit, playing through July 22 at Monterey Peninsula College Main Stage Theater, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays with 2 p.m. Sunday matinees. $12, $9 for seniors/military/students, $6 for children. 646-4213 or 649-5561.

MONTEREY PENINSULA OWL (Older Women's League) new member meeting, noon, Monday, July 16, Monterey Public Library. Bring a bag lunch. 394-2156.

ANNUAL MERIENDA AND BEEF BARBECUE, sponsored by the Monterey County Historical Society, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, July 15, Boronda Adobe Grounds, Salinas. $10, $4 for children. 757-8085.

Seminar on HOME EQUITY CONVERSION—OPTIONS IN THE FINANCING OF LONG TERM HEALTH CARE, sponsored by Pacific Western Bank and Homecare Managers, Inc., 9 a.m., July 19 Monterey Beach Hotel. $25. 372-0802.

MONTEREY BAY CAGE BIRD CLUB, 10 a.m. Saturday, July 14, Hilltop Center, New Monterey. Bring a picnic lunch. 753-2846 or 730-2210.

50s AND 60s CHARITY DINNER-DANCE, benefitting the Buddy Program of Monterey Peninsula, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, Monterey Moose Lodge, 555 Canyon Del Rey. $8 donation. 649-0276.

MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR, 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday through July 29. Forest Theater, Carmel. 626-1681 or 649-5561.

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK, monthly meeting, 6:45. p.m., July 17, Community Room at the Crossroads, Carmel. 646-0796.

THIRD ANNUAL KAZU SUMMER DANCE PARTY, featuring three bands in a performance to benefit Monterey Bay Public Radio, 8 p.m. Friday, July 20, Monterey Sheraton. Advance tickets $7, at the door $10. 375-7275.

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Yesteryears

By Elizabeth Barratt

VALLEY EVENTS IN 1969

It doesn't seem so very long ago, just 21 years, but perusal of an October 2, 1969, Monterey Herald given to us recently shows some interesting events of another time.

"Monterey County's First Scenic Road," reads the headline on page two. An event to celebrate the dedication of the Laureles Grade between Monterey-Salinas Highway and Carmel Valley Road marked the occasion, culminating in a ribbon cutting by Willard Branson, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. The marking of the Grade as the first official Monterey County Scenic Road was expected to be followed by a similar scenic designation for Carmel Valley Road.

The designation "sets up a roadside corridor and primary and secondary vista corridors for the Laureles Grade," the article stated. "Purpose of the roadside corridor, to be a maximum of 1,000 feet in depth, is to retain the rural atmosphere of the area adjacent to the roadway through proper design control, and to protect vistas and specific scenic points of interest by protecting them from being obliterated by buildings, planting and other objects."

Further regulations were to affect vista corridors beyond the 1,000 foot designation and included requirements for sensitive treatment of the land to eliminate scarring. Included were prohibitions on outdoor advertising signs, zoning regulations of from one to three acres as minimum building sites and installation of underground utilities wherever feasible.

In his remarks covering the occasion, Supervisor Branson said, "If those of us in elected positions don't protect the beauty around us, we shall be guilty of all those things the disenchanted people are saying."

A number of local and state dignitaries attended the ceremony, held at the large turnout and vista point towards the top of the grade on the Carmel Valley side. They later attended a barbeque at the Trail & Saddle Club.

In other peninsula news, in the first week of October 1969, a Rock Festival for 200,000 fans, to be held with 15 bands on 500 acres in South County, was cancelled. "What was envisioned was a festival of the type that attracted more than 300,000 young people to Woodstock, N.Y. last summer for a weekend of pot, rock, and love, a situation that law enforcement officials were determined to head off," said the paper.

Whether to change developers in the ongoing Monterey Urban Renewal project was also page one news. Getting the downtown project off the drawing board and on the ground was a major obstacle in 1969.

The Glidden Tour of Antique Automobiles had just passed through town, an event which first started in 1905 by a New England industrialist. The tour was revived in 1946, and this was the event's second time on the West Coast since then. The vintage Hudsons, Pierce Arrows, Rolls Royces and Model T's caravanned to Monterey, where they drove in procession around the peninsula points, stopping overnight at the Holiday Inn at the mouth of the Valley.

In national and world news, a lull in fighting brought the Vietnam death toll to its lowest in two years; Olof Palme was named ruler in Sweden's Social Democratic party; Israeli jets attacked Jordanian and Egyptian military positions along the Suez Canal. Cesar Chavez, in Washington D.C., met with officials to seek continued support for his grape boycott.

Letters to the Editor included both opinions in support of and against the controversial philosophies of recently deceased Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike. Ann Landers urged her readers, in October 1969, to do something about water and air pollution. "Wake Up, America!" she proclaimed.

As for more recent events: The Carmel Valley History Society is planning two fun outings over the weekend which interested parties are also invited to join: the July 14 annual Fiesta and Barbeque at historic Mission San Antonio de Padua near Jolon and then the next day, Sunday July 15, a little closer to home, there's the annual Merienda at the Boronda Adobe in Salinas. The Merienda will not only benefit the Monterey County Historical Society which is trying to raise funds for a new museum, but will also help offset expenses incurred due to earthquake damage to the old Boronda Adobe itself, which is currently closed until repairs can be made.

RECEIVING RECOGNITION at the annual awards dinner of the Carmel Chapter of the American Red Cross are three Carmel Valley men, Chuck Augustitus, Pat Dowd and Fire Chief Bob Heald. Making the presentation is Martha Wright of Big Sur, head of the board's ambulance committee. Augustitus was honored with a medallion for 500 hours of service as an Emergency Medical Technicial, Heald received a 10-year pin and Dowd a 5-year pin. *Photo by Chuck Scardina*

Cook Book Sale Will Help Cancer Society

The Pacific Grove Discovery Shop of the American Cancer Society will hold a Cookbook sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Country Club Gate Center in Pacific Grove July 14.

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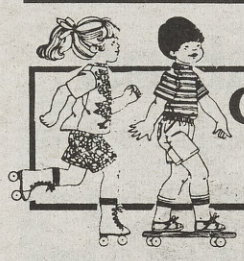

Community Center Corner

By Kathleen Tarp

MUSIC IN THE PARK IS HAPPENING! Sunday, July 15 at 2:00 p.m. come on down to the park and enjoy the incredible music of Homefire! Jim Hilden, Pat Mahoney, Billy Ingram, Mike Osgood, and Bill Rudock will serenade you with sweet blue grass on the grass. They are some of the hottest musicians around these parts. They are headliners at most of the bluegrass festivals throughout the state and are renowned for their vocal harmonies and acoustic down home sound. All American hot dogs will be available or bring a picnic. This is a FREE EVENT so kick back, and let Homefire entertain you.

YOU ASKED FOR IT, WE GOT IT. Yes it's true, you do make a difference. At last, the Carmel Valley Community Center will have its very own Weight Watchers meetings! No longer do you have to make the long trek to Monterey to weigh in. We'll now have our very own scale! At last, we can all get skinny together. Boy, what a support group ya'll are gonna make. The first meeting will take place on Monday, July 16. Call Kathleen at 659-3983 for times. Don't put this off anymore...by the end of the Summer you can look like Bo Derek or Arnold Schwartzeneggar...take your pick!

Speaking of skinny, before the Summer is over, there will be no more chunky thighs in Carmel Valley. Di Whiteside's WATER AEROBICS is slapping off that cellulite, tightening those tushes, and tucking those tummies in all of us. Di, known as "Super Coach," knows how to make you sweat and laugh at the same time. This class is for WOMEN ONLY 6-7 p.m. 3 days per week. Call 659-3983.

YOU ASKED FOR YOGA, YOU GOT YOGA! Dominique Free, a holistic health counselor, is conducting "Body Mind Works-A Holistic Overview," on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. from July 17, to Aug. 21. Each class begins with movement drawn from yoga, t'ai chi, aerobics, and dance to develop body awareness, flexibility, tone, strength, and coordination. The second half of the class offers a lecture and discussion about specific topics including nutrition, herbs, massage and bodywork techniques, visualization, meditation, and stress management. Cost of the 6 week course is $40 for members of CVCYC, $45 for non-members. Early sign-ups are encouraged as space is limited. Call Dominique at 659-4653 for registration or information.

A full fledged YOGA class is in the works and will be presented by MPC in the Fall...look for it! Also scheduled for Fall release is an "Armchair Travel Series" on countries throughout the world.

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IMPORTANT DATES to ink in on your calender:

Aug. 26: KMBY presents the Community Center's First Annual "Golden Oldie Sock Hop." We're going to rock out to everything from Chubby Checkers to Paul McCartney. On the menu will be Little Richard's "Tutti Frutti," to the Diamond's "Cherrie Pie." Don't miss this spectacular event. Get that old letterman's jacket and poodle skirt out of the mothballs now. We're goin' on a surfin' safari on a Sunday afternoon in August.

Sept. 22: THE COMMUNITY CENTER'S CHILI COOK-OFF! For the first time ever, K-TOM will help sponsor this world reknowned event. ANDY McCOY, the "Voice of Country," will be on hand to M.C. the festivities. Country bands from around the land will be strummin' and singin' while YOU do the eatin' 'n judgin'! If you think you've got the best darn chili around, come out of the closet now and call Kathleen at the Center! Let the world be the judge. We want your chili, and we want if now. Call 659-3983!. Are your kids bored of summer yet? Send 'em down to the Center. We've got Day Camp, art classes, game club, cartooning, acting, swimming. It's all happening at the Community Center, come on down, bring a towel and a smile.

HOMEFIRE, A GROUP which headlines at major bluegrass events around the country, will present the second in the series of free public concerts at the Community Center. They will perform Sunday, starting at 2 p.m. The group is made up of Jim Hilden, Pat Mahoney, Billy Ingram, Mike Osgood and Bill Rudock. Organizers urged residents to come and have a picnic on the lawn, but added hot dogs will be available.

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Native Plants for Your Garden

By Marjorie Schmidt

A Truly Drought-Tolerant Native

Summer holly (*Comarostaphylos diversifolia*) is another of California's useful evergreen shrubs. Under natural conditions, it grows as a shrub, but it can easily be trained into a small tree, a desirable feature in gardens with limited space.

Description. Summer holly is a large, erect shrub growing to 6-15 feet or more with shreddy bark similar to that of its close relative madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*). Oblong, dark green leaves are shiny above and paler beneath, and are somewhat turned under at the margins (revolute). White flowers are urn-shaped and are arranged in open racemes blooming from late March to May. The fruit is a rough-textured dark red berry, ripe in August and enjoyed by many kinds of birds. Its natural habitat is chaparral near the coast, from San Diego County to Baja California.

Care in the garden. Summer holly is tolerant of most garden conditions. It thrives in sun to very light shade and in well-drained soil. It tolerates water throughout the year as long as drainage is assured. It is a dense shrub with seasonal value—evergreen dark green foliage, flowers in mid-spring, and red berries from August to October. Summer holly may be lightly pruned if used as an informal divider, or lower branches may be removed to train it as a small tree or specimen.

Propagation. Summer holly is grown from seed which requires three months' stratification for good germination. Seedlings can be shifted to four-inch pots, and then into gallon cans. Shrubs are ready for their permanent place after about one year of growth, but must be watched so they do not become root-bound. Water occasionally in the first summer after planting; no water is needed after that.

Summer Holly

Companions. Summer holly is outstanding in massed plantings or in an informal divider. The California mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*) offers a nice contrast with its small, light-green grooved leaves. Other choices which have similar garden requirements include: woolly blue-curls (*Trichostema lanatum*), the large wild lilac (*Ceanothus griseus* 'Louis Edmunds') with its wealth of bright blue flowers or the lower-growing *C. impressus* with its cobalt blue flowers. Hardy native woody perennials such as *Salvia clevelandii* with violet blue flowers, and *Eriogonum arborescens* with its cream white flowers are excellent foreground plants.

Related species. The variety *Comorostaphylos diversifolia* var. *planifolia* is similar but has flat, not revolute (turned under) leaf margins. Some consider this variety to be more attractive, although both share the same glossy leaves, dense growth, and upright habit.

Marjorie Schmidt, a noted native plant authority, wrote Growing California Native Plants *(UC Press 1980). For reprints of this article, information on sources of native plant materials, or on membership in the California Native Plant Society, write to CNPS, 909 12th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, telephone (916) 447-CNPS; for local information call 659-2528.*

Is Your Lawn Necessary?

Sunset Magazine, the garden authority of the west, says if the only person who walks on your lawn is the person mowing it, it's time to get rid of your lawn.

Lawn grass requires more water per square foot than anything else grown in the west, the magazine reports in its June issue. "From May to October, even the most water-conservative grass type needs a total of 12 inches of water just to survive."

Managing Editor Joseph F. Williamson recommended that in view of the drought conditions and the growing population of the West, "If you have grass that never gets used, think about getting rid of it."

He recommends that homeowners stop watering unused areas now and do as much landscape planting as possible in the fall which will give the plants a full winter of low-angle sunlight, low temperature and rainfall to get established before next summer.

New Babies

Daniel Thomas, son, born to **Marianne Govan**, Salinas, May 22.

Annie, daughter, born to **Pamela and Hugh Kerr**, Pacific Grove, May 27.

Mia Noelle, daughter, born to **Leslie and Victor Ferrante**, Carmel Valley, June 9.

Kelsey Manning, daughter, born to **Lori and Dan Hightower**, Carmel, June 11.

Lindsay Danielle, daughter, born to **Elyse and Jonathan Battey**, Carmel Valley, June 12.

Mary Alicia, daughter, born to **Amelita G. and Michael DePaola**, Carmel, June 19.

Christopher Ellis, son, born to **Cathy and Kurt Metcalf**, Pacific Grove, June 20.

William Alexander, son, born to **Katharine "Kim" Matthews Massey and C. David Massey**, Washington, D.C., June 24.

Ryan Edward, son, born to **Loly J. and Jeffrey T. Hogans**, Carmel Valley, June 25.

Park Sets Three Naturalist-Led Hikes

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District said it will hold three naturalist-led hikes during July. They are:

- A natural history exploration of Marina Dunes at 10 a.m., July 14. Participants should meet at the northern end of the dunes off Reservation Road in Marina.
- A vigorous, six-mile hike will be held July 21 from the Garland Park Visitor Center to the top of Snively's Ridge, a trek for experienced hikers. The hike starts at 9 a.m. at the Visitor Center. Participants are advised to bring water.
- The regular last Friday of the month hike at Garland Park will be held on July 27, starting at 3 p.m.

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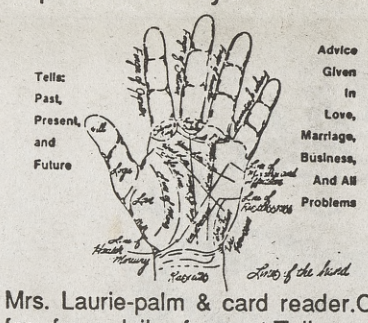

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TROWEL & HOE

By Mark Eaton

Deciduous shrubs are those that drop their leaves in the winter. Why plant these, with so many nice evergreen flowering shrubs available? By not planting them, you are cheating yourself out of some great plants for your garden.

Many nursery shoppers crinkle up their noses when the salesperson suggests a plant which loses its leaves for their garden in this area. Perhaps it conjures up a vision of a yard in the midst of a bleak, snow-covered Northern winter.

We do live close to the coast, with minimal amounts of winter frost. We should have gardens that look good 12 months out of the year.

I agree—to a point. In our climate, a nice garden should have a lot of evergreen shrubs to give it backbone. Choosing drought-tolerant, hardy varieties will give you a good foundation from which to design the remainder of the area.

At our nursery, we kid about "the D word." That's D for deciduous. I used to think that people here just didn't want to plant deciduous shrubs at all. I've changed my opinion. For instance, people love lilac bushes in Carmel Valley. The low-chill types do extremely well here. Valley residents are also big fans of wisteria bushes and vines. Of course, they drop every leaf during winter.

My newly amended opinion is this: gardeners in our area like deciduous shrubs with which they are comfortable. It's just that many people have little or no experience or knowledge of shrubs that are traditionally thought of as "Eastern plants."

When people think of hibiscus, they think of the large flowered, vivid colored blossom that reminds us all of Hawaii. They are spectacular plants and well worth growing. But they need protection from frost in Carmel Valley as young plants.

Take a look at the deciduous hibiscus (*hibiscus syriacus*) commonly known as "Rose of Sharon." A mainstay in the East, it is not used much here. It puts on a great summer show, reaching a mature height of about 10 feet. The flowers are shaped like our familiar hibiscus rosa-sinensis, a little smaller and of more subtle coloring.

Or how about growing a couple of butterfly bushes from the genus Buddleia? There are varieties that range from four to 12 feet in height, with arching sprays of honey scented flowers that actually attract butterflies in summer.. The flower choices are pink, lilac, blue, purple and white.

What about the many varieties of spirea? The most common is '*spirea prunifolia 'plena,*' or bridal wreath spirea. Graceful, arching branches are loaded with delicate white flowers in spring. Spirea 'Anthony Waterer' grows 2-3 feet tall with flat-topped, reddish flower clusters and maroon tinted foliage. It will bloom all summer.

Hydrangeas are another popular deciduous shrub for Carmel Valley, but gardeners here should consider a forsythia as well. From about Mid Valley to the east, it gets cold enough in winter to give them the chill they need to put on an early spring show of hundreds of golden yellow flowers, superb to cut for the vase.

The many varieties of potentilla fruticosa are excellent, low mounding shrubs for full sun, and they are quite drought-tolerant. They can handle a wide range of soils and are adaptable to many situations. The variety 'Goldfinger" is especially attractive for most of the summer.

I've only described "just the tip of the iceberg" of the many deciduous flowering shrubs. Many more are available that will do extremely well in Carmel Valley.

What's Blooming

SIBERIAN IRIS (*I. Sibirica)* This tall, graceful perennial comes into bloom when the bearded iris season ends. Leaves are narrow and grassy, 1-2-1/2 foot tall. Flowers range from pale to dark blue, purple or white. Likes full sun and acid to neutral soil with ample water. Well-established clumps bloom best but older clumps that get hollow in the center should be divided in the fall.

Sun photo by Isabelle Hall

For myself, I'll take a butterfly bush any day of the week over a mundane evergreen like a waxleaf privet.

Things to Do:

- Remove any remaining dead foliage from spring bulb plants.
- If annuals planted in early spring are looking "tired," replace them with fresh plants that will bloom until October-November.
- With lantana in full bloom, it is a good time to select varieties of your choice at your favorite nursery.

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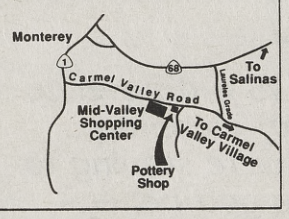

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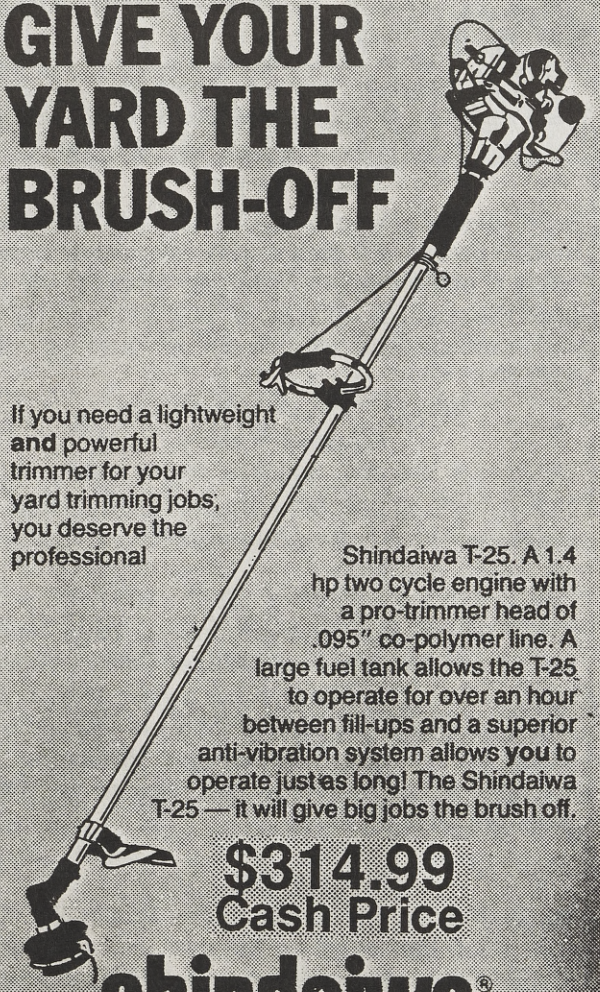

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Real Estate Outlook

By Sheryl McKenzie
Government Affairs Director
Monterey-Carmel Council of Real Estate Boards

We need a long term water supply. We need a dam.

In 1987, voters in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District overwhelmingly demonstrated their support for a dam on the Carmel River. By a 2-1 margin, voters recognized the need to plan for drought reserve, the need for a water supply for planned growth and the restoration of the Carmel River environment.

Sen. Pete Wilson has introduced a bill that includes an important adjustment of the Ventana Wilderness boundary at Danish Creek, which means life or death for the proposed Los Padres Dam. A mere 3.9 acres of Wilderness area behind the dam—less than 2 percent of the total reservoir area—will be flooded, but that cannot happen without a boundary adjustment, or an unprecedented Presidential waiver.

To accomplish this boundary adjustment, the Water Management District will arrange a swap of 100 high quality acres (now privately controlled) in the Danish Creek area for 50 acres currently within the Ventana Wilderness boundary.

In short, this exchange and adjustment are critical to the construction of the dam. H. R. 1473 by Rep. Leon Panetta, which includes approval of this exchange and adjustment, has already passed the House of Representatives. So now it is solely up to the Senate.

After four years of drought, a community that has endured water consumption cutbacks averaging over 30 percent and the deterioration of the Carmel River has a critical need for a long-term water supply.

Local Realtors are enthusiastically supporting a massive postcard campaign to urge Senate approval of Wilson's bill, S2784. So can you.

Please join us by writing to Sen. Dale Bumpers, chairman of the subcommittee on Public Lands, National Parks & Forests, urging him to set a hearing date for S2784 this legislative session. Also write Sen. Alan Cranston urging his support of the bill and to Sen. Wilson demonstrating your support for this important legislation.

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Title 21 Hearing

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which modify the general plan. It would replace an outdated and oft-amended ordinance dating back to the 1950s. State law requires that a new ordinance be adopted.

But provisions of Title 21 have provoked vocal opposition, especially from farmers and ranchers, causing the supervisors to appoint the citizens' group to review it and report back with recommendations on Sept. 4.

While farmers and ranchers have been the most vocal opposition, residents of more populous areas have also objected to allowing the Zoning Administrator to grant permits for many projects without having to hold a public hearing.

To facilitate the review of the ordinance, which would affect all unincorporated areas of the county except the coastal zone, the advisory committee broke itself into three regional subcommittees. They cover: 1) North County, Salinas and the Boronda area; 2) the Central Valley and South County; and, 3) Carmel Valley, Cachagua, Greater Monterey and Toro.

Serving on the third subcommittee are: Ileene Crane-Franks, a real estate broker who lives in Cachagua; Pat Bernardi, a teacher who lives at Mid Valley; Ken Whitson, an engineer from Carmel; Rich Evans, a contractor from Carmel Valley; and, Nancy Isakson, president of Women in Construction in Monterey County and a Hayward Lumber employe.

Crane-Franks told the *Sun* the most controversial provisions cover agricultural operations, the role of the Zoning Administrator in granting permits and legal non-conforming uses. Legal, non-conforming uses are uses that were legal before the latest zoning changes were applied and can remain legal under so-called grandfathering clauses, with some restrictions.

She said the full committee, at its last meeting also spent time discussing home occupations. Only the Cachagua and North County plans specifically allow them under certain restrictions. Members of the committee from other areas feel residents in their areas should also be allowed them for consistency's sake, but to do so might require the amending of six to eight of the regional plans in the county.

Later, the subcommittee discussed the possibility of redefining "home occupation" in Title 21 to include:

- Home occupation is work at home which has no impact on neighbors and is an allowed use.
- Cottage industry is work done at home which may have a minor impact on the neighborhood and therefore would require a use permit.

Members said adopting such definitions might eliminate any need to change area plans.

Crane-Franks said she felt committee members might be inclined to allow home businesses without permits in the County as long as their operations do not cause any impact on neighbors.

She added that the subcommittee was looking for as much public comment as possible at the July 12 subcommittee meeting. "We urge anyone with concerns about Title 21 to come and share them with us. It is only through this process that we can reflect the views of all citizens."

Meals on Wheels Golf Tourney Set

The second annual Meals on Wheels golf tournament will be held Wednesday, Aug. 1, at the Rancho Canada Golf Club, giving 36 foursomes a chance to play for the fun and the benefit of the group which provides hot meals to shut-ins.

Organizers said they earned $10,000 with their initial tournament last year and have set their sights on earning $15,000 this year.

Play for men and women golfers will begin at noon with a shotgun start, with more than 58 prizes up for grabs.

A donation of $100 from all entrants is requested, the cost covering the greens fees, golf cart, tee prize, coffee bar, box lunch, cold drinks on the course and a gourmet awards dinner in the evening. In addition, the day will also include a no-host cocktail party, a drawing and a small live auction of golf, travel and entertainment items.

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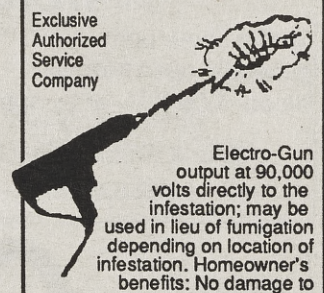

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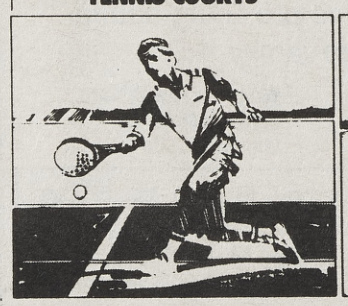

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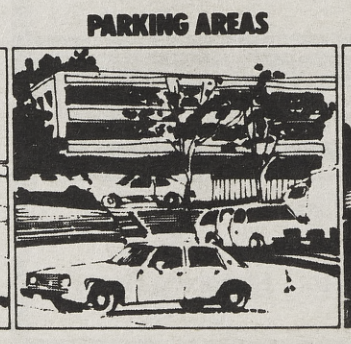

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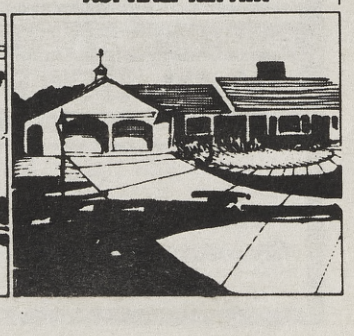

Home Sales

The following property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder from June 18 to July 2. The information is taken from records available to the public. Sale prices are estimated on the basis of transfer tax paid to the county.

The *Sun* makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

LOWER CARMEL VALLEY

25205 PINE HILLS DRIVE. Alice S. Mehdy to Judith Barlow. $355,000.

10094 OAK BRANCH CIRCLE. Landmark Land Co., Inc. to Milton B. & Jamesa D. Schulle. $213,000.

10601 HIDDEN MESA PLACE. Sabu Shake to Ralph W. & Mary S. Mueller. $489,500.

HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD. Bernadette Bernard & Nancy Bunzeluk to Thomas J. & Teri J. Koennel. $150,000.

25565 PASEO DE CUMBRE. Scott C. & Diane F. Green to John C. Dekker. $1,000,000.

10142 OAKWOOD CIRCLE. Landmark Land Co. of Calif., Inc. to Michael C. Leavell & Barbara L. Bishop. $260,000.

173 HACIENDA CARMEL. Thelma Beck to Joseph F. & Marjorie R. Frick. $89,000.

25430 VIA CINCINDELA. Lee Kavanaugh to Jonathan H. Hately & Suzanne Maxwell. $479,000.

CANADA DRIVE. Valentine J. & Doris A. Marasco to Matthew J. & Janice K. Marasco. $100,000.

28067 HERON COURT. John B. & Dorothy N. Pace to Robert M. Davis. $484,500.

10106 OAKWOOD CIRCLE. Thaddeus Sigourney to Hugo N. & Lorraine Gerstl. $180,000.

25675 TIERRA GRANDE DRIVE. Paul W. & Evelyn W. Kadlec to Mildred Y. & A. Valleau Price. $544,000.

HOLT ROAD. P.J. Bradner, Mildred E. Scranton, Lloyd R. & Phyllis S. Ashmead to Matthew B. & Jane R. Harrington. $370,000.

8220 EL CAMINO ESTRADA. Svend Thorgersen to Heydar & Zahra Movahedi. $375,000.

69 HACIENDA CARMEL. W. Bradford Dow to Rosemary O'Hara. $122,000.

7010 VALLEY GREEN CIRCLE. Barbara F. Slover to Sandra T. Pepe. $480,000.

UPPER CARMEL VALLEY

CALLE DE ESTE. Nina M. Laub to David W. Burdge. $242,500.

63 LA RANCHERIA. Barbara Joan Kelly to William E. Kane. $154,000.

SAN CLEMENTE DRIVE. Sleepy Hollow to David S. & Linda B. Mullally. $295,000.

CACHAGUA ROAD. Mark & Roberta S. Meryash to Howard L. & Ingrid Nudelman. $375,000.

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SPINDRIFT ROAD. Barton Theatre Co. to Monta Vista Development Corp. $360,000.

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GUADALUPE STREET. Bruce V. & Barbara C. Britton to Bruce R. Teget & Denise Dru. $357,000.

JUNIPERO STREET. Marion B. Carter to John F. & Lucille E. Hallisey. $450,000.

CAMINO REAL. Janice L. Nylander to George G. & Elisabeth Skou. $620,000.

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3138 CAMINO DEL MONTE. Sarah W. & Carlos Phillips, Jr. to C. Wesley Freedman. $370,000.

3350 TREVIS WAY. Robert P. & Wendy B. Holmes & Donald & Peggy Henderson to Dennis & Susan P. Hocevar. $510,000.

26339 MONTE VERDE STREET. Susan L. Rogers to Pierre & Carol Prodis. $410,000.

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Business Briefs

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Oscar Wright, regional administrator of the **Small Business Administration** San Francisco office, said July 18 is the deadline for small businesses in 21 California counties to file for financial assistance due to economic losses from the Oct. 17 earthquake.

He said 14,234 small businesses have received some $528 million in low-interest loans so far as a result of the quake. Small business owners who qualify are eligible for up to $500,000, payable over 30 years at 4 percent.

James Edward Butler has been named a general agent for **Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Co.** He maintains offices in both Monterey and Salinas.

Also in the insurance business, **Barney J. Belleci of State Farm Insurance** has qualified for the 1990 Leading Producers Round Table as a Leading Producer Qualifier, which recognizes excellence in the sale of disability and health insurance.

And finally, **Michael A. Temple** of Salinas, who previously was with Temple & Temple Insurance Services, has joined the **Frank B. Hall** office in Salinas. Frank B. Hall has more than 150 offices worldwide.

The Salinas council of the **League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)** has donated $3,000 to victims of the Oct. 17 earthquake. LULAC President Gilbert Padilla presented the checks to families who lost their homes in the quake and are living in government trailers in Pajaro.

The **Republican Central Committees** from **Monterey, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties** will meet at noon, Saturday, July 14, in San Luis Obispo to select a candidate for the 29th Assembly District seat left vacant by the death of **Eric Seastrand.** Seasand's widow, **Andrea,** who has announced her candidacy for the position, is considered the front runner. But **Monterey GOP Chairman Dan Keig** said anyone interested in the position should contact him.

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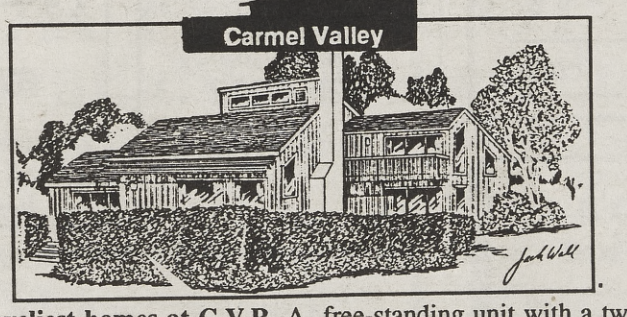

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Coastal Water Company Drills New, Deep Well

Drilled 790 feet through virtually solid granite, a new well promises to provide an additional supply of water to a small mutual water company serving the southern Highlands area south of Carmel.

The Carmel Riviera Mutual Water Co.'s well is not completed, so full testing has not determined its capacity. But driller Gary Stooksberry of Carmel Valley estimated it should produce 20 gallons a minute from three fractures in the solid granite shield.

Stooksberry said the three producing zones were at 125 feet, from 230 to 250 feet and from 720-740 feet. He estimated the first and second zones would produce 5-6 gallons a minute each, and the deepest zone 5-10 gallons.

He said his estimates were conservative and more water might be brought in as the well is swabbed and cased, clearing away debris which might be keeping some water in the fractures from entering the well.

At 20 gallons a minute, the well would produce more than 28,000 gallons a day and be stronger than any of the water company's existing six wells.

One of more than 200 small, mutual water companies in the County, Carmel Riviera produces most of its water during the year from flow in Mal Paso Creek. But in the dry late summer months, the creek dries to a trickle, and it must rely on wells to serve its 165 owner-members.

The drilling of the new, deep well and an assessment to pay for it and some other improvements were approved by the company's owner-members at a special meeting June 30 held outdoors near the quarry site. The well could cost as much as $100,000.

Voting on the well and the assessment was spirited, with some officials of the Mal Paso Homeowners Association gathering opposition proxies to the water company board. They complained that the water board had not made a good case for its actions and had started drilling the well before asking members to approve it. The vote on the well was 69-41 and the vote on an assessment was 62-44.

The members also approved 69-40 a hookup with Cal-Am for emergency use only. However, a proposal to build a combination laboratory/office/storage building on the company's quarry site was rejected 53-55.

The Cal-Am hookup has been approved by the county and the Monterey District Water Management Board so that water could be traded in the event of an earthquake or other emergency.

Dr. Philip Miller, president of the homeowners group, and two directors, EricGray and Janice Roffman, signed the counter-proxies. Approximately 60 of the owner members attended the two-hour meeting, conducted by retiring Carmel Riviera Chairman Harold Seyferth.

Stooksberry drilled the hole with an air-driven rig which he said cost about a half million dollars. The bit was studded with industrial diamonds.

Stooksberry said this was not the deepest well along the South Coast, with some test holes having been drilled to 800 feet in the region and some producing wells at Big Sur going as deep as 900 feet.

He said water in the new well had risen to only about 15 feet from the top. But he said that could be due to a small amount of ground water at about 15 feet. That water will be sealed off from the well when it is encased in concrete down to 50 feet as part of the completion process.

A final determination of the new well's capacity will be made after it is pumped hard for at least 48 hours on its completion.

In the same area, Stooksberry has drilled into what he calls the Santa Lucia Fault Aquifer a number of times in the past year. Those wells appeared to be considerably stronger, producing several hundred gallons a minute.

Carmel Riviera ran short of water during a storage construction project in late summer of 1988 and had to borrow 100,000 gallons of water from Cal-Am Water Co. for firefighting reserves. That triggered a county-imposed building moratorium in its service area.

After the company took a series of steps, county officials said before the new well was drilled that they would consider partial lifting of the moratorium.

Many Absentee Voters Ignore Instructions

Registrar Bradley J. Clark said nearly 13,000 of the 61,000 votes cast in the June 5 election in Monterey County were on absentee ballots, but many absentee voters ran the risk of negating their votes by failing to follow instructions.

In a letter to editors in the County, Clark said voters need only punch out the pre-scored holes to indicate which candidates they wish to vote for on the absentee ballot. But he said many voters marked the ballots with a pen or pencil, while some insisted on punching holes in the ballot card with a hand-held hole punch.

Noting that the county's computers can not read ballots marked either way, he said the Election Department was forced to spend many hours duplicating ballots to ensure that absentee voters' choices were recorded correctly.

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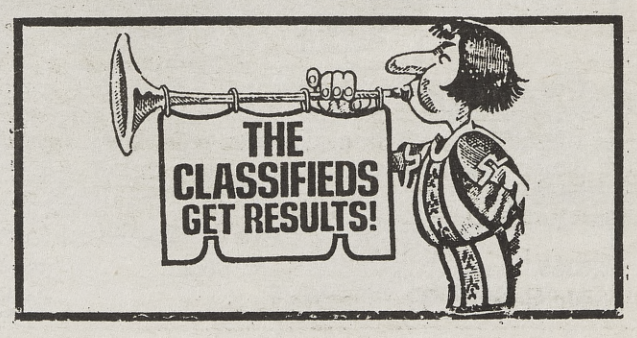

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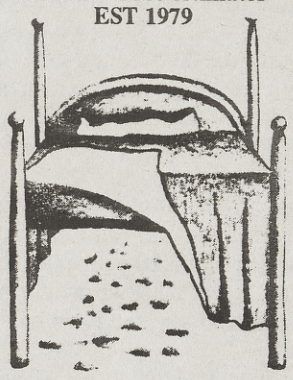

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Voters Must Foot Bill

Park Expansion Plans Revealed

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District's multi-million dollar expansion plans announced this week would require local voters to foot the bill by approving either a general bond issue, a special assessment or higher property taxes. A two-thirds vote majority would be required in each case.

The far-reaching proposal to acquire miles of oceanfront property along scenic Monterey Bay, expand the size of the 500-square mile park district, and expand existing sites within the park was set forth in what is billed as "An Open Space Plan for the 21st Century."

A workshop on the draft master plan is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. July 18 at Seaside City Hall. A formal public hearing will be held at the board's regular meeting Aug. 1, also at Seaside.

District Manager Gary Tate told the *Sun* it would require "a local commitment" to fund the proposals, broken down into a five-year and a 20-year plan. "It would take a local commitment, but at least we would have that so we could go to the state and say, we have half the funds, you guys put up half."

Describing the plan as a "wish list," Tate made it clear local voters would have to show support to make it a reality. He did not contemplate it could be proposed to voters in November, but possibly by next June's elections if the concept wins final approval. Either an environmental review or an environmental impact report will be required.

The long-range proposal calls for spending an estimated $50 million for acquisition of Coastal dunes and beach access, including: Marina Dunes expansion, Fort Ord West of Highway 1, Sand City Dunes expansion, Seaside dunes including lands adjacent to Robert's Lake, Ponderosa, Del Monte Dunes, Window on the Bay, Asilomar, Point Lobos East, and extension of the Recreation Trail from Marina to Point Lobos.

Other projects proposed for an estimated $20 million

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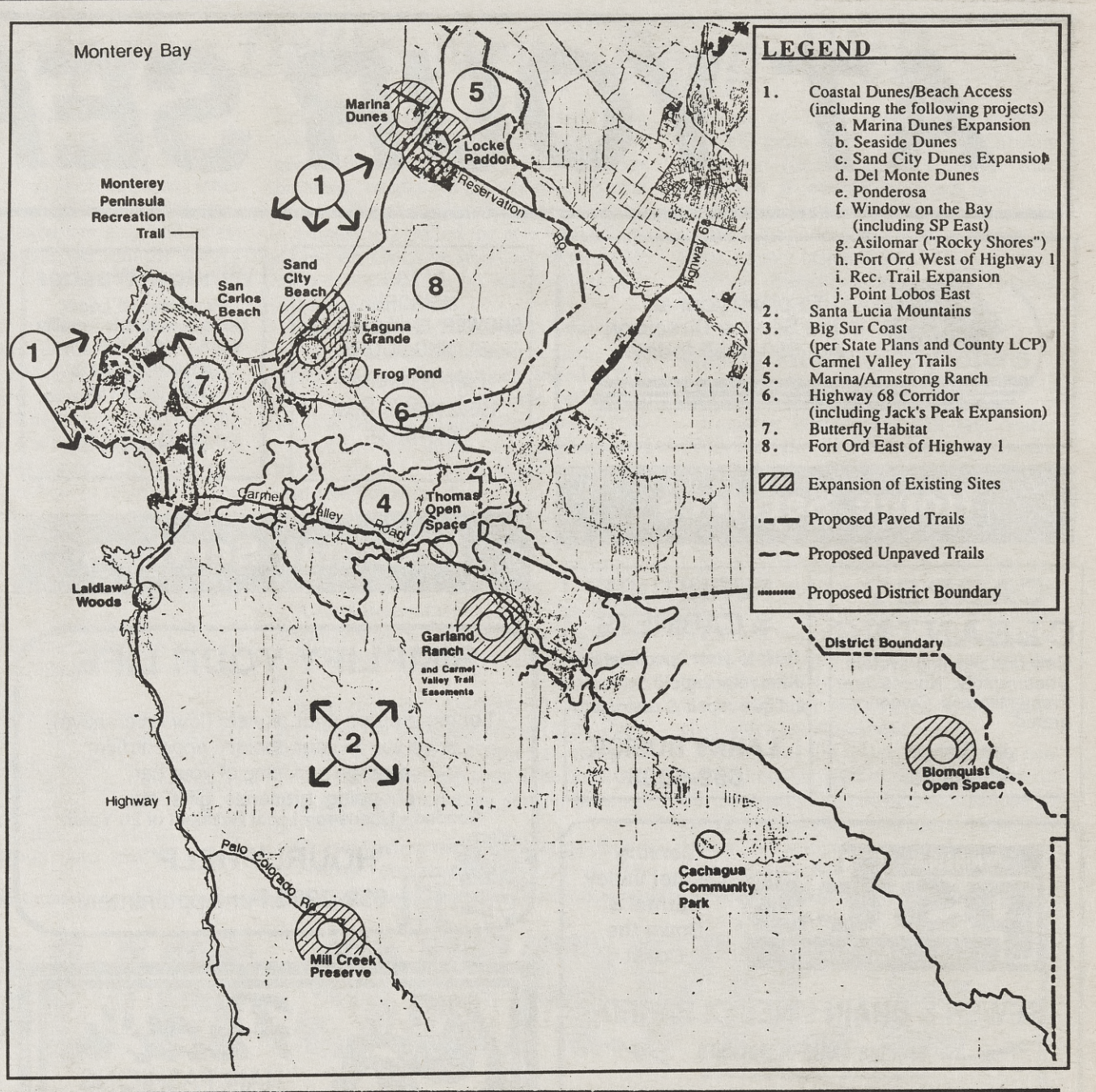

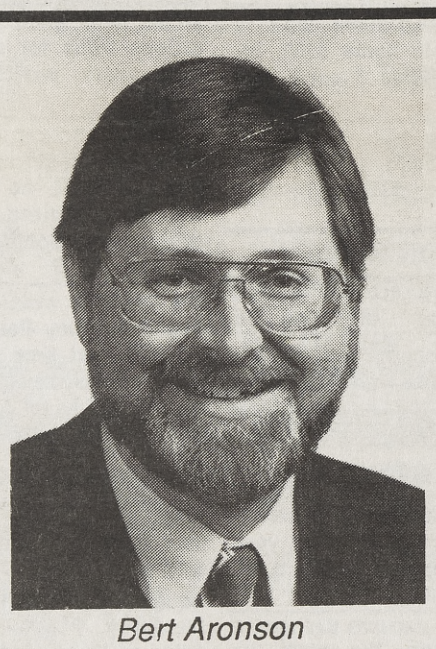
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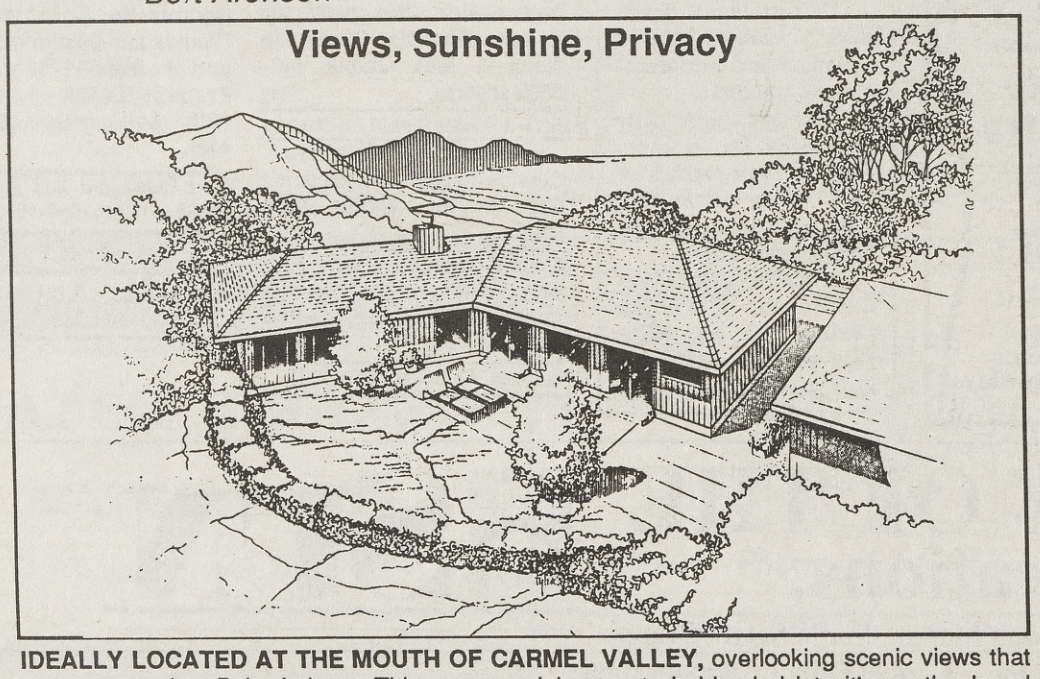

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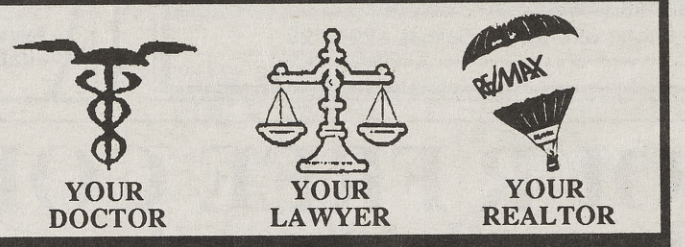

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